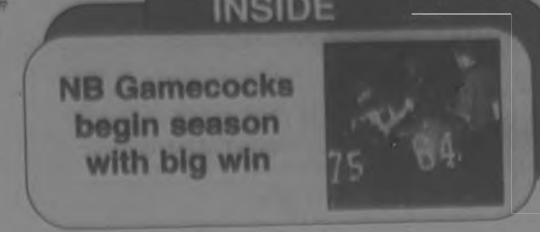
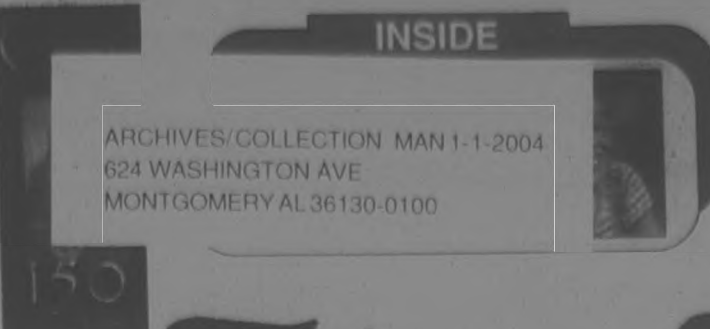


SEPTEMBER



The Elba Clipper

Volume 107, Number 12 50 Cents Elba, Alabama Thursday, September 4, 2003 1 Section, 18 Pages

Sunday morning fire destroys local religious landmark

by Linda Hodge, Editor

One local church building literally became the Sunday morning hot spot last weekend after nearby residents found it in flames.

According to Elba Police Department investigator Dean Blair, the Elba Fire Department was dispatched to the scene of a fire at the old Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church Sunday morning, Aug. 31, at approximately 9:20 a.m.

The church is located on

Coffee County Road 243 just off Alabama Highway 125, and upon arrival, Blair said the firefighters found the church building to be fully engulfed in flames.

Five Star Volunteer Fire Department from the Victoria Community also was dispatched to the scene to assist the Elba Fire Department, and Blair said the departments soon were able to bring the fire under control. However, he said the building was totally destroyed by the flames.

After the fire was extinguished, Blair said he immediately contacted the state fire marshal's office for assistance, and this department responded quickly to begin investigating the scene to try and determine if arson might be a factor.

According to Blair, no one in the area of the church noticed anything suspicious before the fire was discovered, and no evidence has been found at this time during the investigation to suggest arson or any other foul play.

As the investigation seems to be pointing towards an accidental fire, Blair said the case will remain open by the Elba Police Department and State Fire Marshal's office until all angles have been covered to assure no

crime was committed. The Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church was founded in 1887 at the site of this building. It was constructed as a wood framed building but was remodeled in 1976 when the outside of

the sanctuary was bricked. A new church building was constructed in 1996 along Alabama Highway 125. Since that time, the old church building was only being used for special occasions.



As of Tuesday morning, Sept. 2, the sight and smell of smoke could still be found at the old Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church. This religious landmark, founded in 1887, was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning, Aug. 31. Although still under investigation, it does not appear arson was the cause.

Elba's Sesquicentennial King and Queen named

The celebration of Elba's history will continue this weekend at the "Celebrate Elba 150" Sesquicentennial Ball, and while it should be a fun-filled evening for all, the night will focus specifically on a couple of people considered true ambassadors of their hometown.

Elba's Sesquicentennial King and Queen will be honored at the ball Saturday evening, Sept. 6, and each was chosen from a list of well deserving nominees.

Marion Brunson has been chosen to serve as Elba's Sesquicentennial King while Lois English will be honored as the Sesquicentennial Queen.

Brunson was nominated for his many years of service as an ambassador of Elba. Through the years, he has been involved in many community activities including principal of Elba High School and Elba Elementary School, Coffee County Probate Judge for 12 years, Sons of the

because of the many lives she has touched in a positive way through countless contributions.

English was born, reared and has spent her entire life living and working in Elba. According to her nomination, "she has always been an outspoken advocate of the city she calls home, particularly when she had opportunity to

As a very active member of Liberty Church of Christ, English is a supporter of the Agape foster children program.

She also has been instrumental in raising money to help build a local Senior Citizens Center, volunteered her time and efforts in helping the local schools, the Boy Scouts troop, the band, Operation Santa Claus, the nursing home and in helping to feed and distribute household goods to people left displaced by the devastating floods of 1990 and 1998.

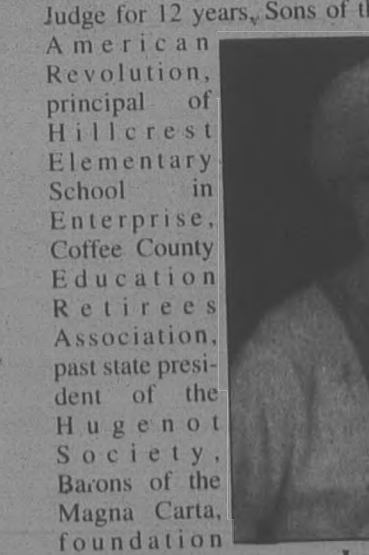
While all these are certainly noteworthy, English is recognized more for her less conspicuous contributions. From helping families left homeless by fire or flood to taking in a family in need of a place to stay,

English has proven time and time again to be a person this community can depend upon in time of need.

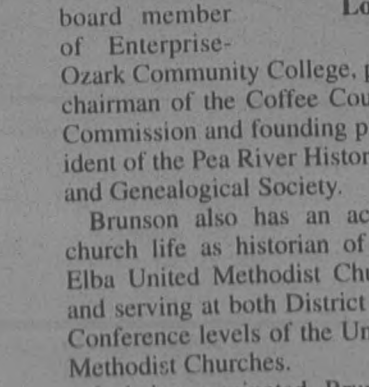
Simply put, Lois English was chosen as Elba's Sesquicentennial Queen because she embodies the true spirit of Elba - "she is an everyday citizen living and working here and quietly working to make a difference in the lives of others, without the least expectation of recognition for doing so."

Brunson and English formally will be recognized as Elba's Sesquicentennial King and Queen Saturday evening, Sept. 6, at the Sesquicentennial Ball which will be held at the Elba Recreation Center from 8 p.m. until 12 Midnight. Other nominees will also be recognized at the ball which is being sponsored by the New Season's Study Club.

For information concerning tickets for this event, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.



Marion Brunson



Lois English

NOTICE
The hours for voting in Coffee County will be from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Each voter should ensure that he or she has one form of identification available when he or she goes to vote. On the night of the election, results from each polling place will be received at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The public is invited to attend to review the results as they are received.

In being nominated, Brunson was recognized as the "chief individual most responsible for the desperately needed refurbishing of the Coffee County Courthouse (the centerpiece of Elba)", as well as, "the driving force behind raising money and restoring the city's beautiful flowing well.

Brunson also is noted as the author of eight books dealing with the history of Coffee County and many of its residents, and of these eight books, two specifically deal with the history of Elba and Coffee County.

All in all, Brunson was selected as Elba's Sesquicentennial King because he is "commonly recognized as the local expert on anything and everything to do with Elba heritage, and he has been invited to speak at numerous gatherings, club meetings, school classes, etc. about the history of Elba."

While Lois English has never held any public office or high profile position in the community, she was chosen as Elba Sesquicentennial Queen

Local bed and breakfast undergoes revitalization

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba recently became home to a bed and breakfast once again as two Elba citizens began a new venture at the site of the former Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast.

Jimmy Harrison and Dorothy Vaughan officially opened Old South Inn on Monday, Sept. 1, and the two co-owners said they are excited to bring a touch of home and comfort to travelers and those looking for a quaint spot for social events.

"This house lends itself to entertaining," Harrison said. "And, entertaining is something Vaughan said Harrison loves to do as she spoke of him always wanting to have a place to host events for people."

Harrison said Barbara Hudson obviously had a foresight when she opened Aunt B's some years ago, and when he and Vaughan heard the business was for sale, they jumped at the opportunity.

"This house is perfect for a bed and breakfast," he said. "The bed and breakfast offers three guest rooms with each having its own private bath, and while Harrison said they eventually hope to be able to provide a full breakfast for guests, it cur-

rently is more of a "homemade" continental breakfast. This highlights Harrison's cooking talents as his homemade muffins and sweet breads are served alongside his jams and jellies.

As for social events, Harrison and Vaughan said they are ready to host bridal showers, wedding receptions, class reunions, etc. They said bridge clubs can even hold their events at the bed and breakfast as one room in the house has been designated for this type event.

Also, Harrison said they have the capability to host a sit down

dinner of 50-75 people. As for the future, the two co-owners said they plan to rework the backyard and prepare it for outside events such as weddings and dances, and Vaughan said they will continuously be making improvements.

"This has been a lot of work but also a lot of fun," she said. "We are excited about the possibility of meeting different people."

Several events have already been planned at the new bed and breakfast, but those interested in booking a room or planning an event should call 897-6918.



The former Aunt B's Bed and Breakfast opened Monday, Sept. 1, as Old South Inn. This new bed and breakfast venture is being led by Elba citizens Jimmy Harrison and Dorothy Vaughan.



BARN DESTROYED BY FIRE—A barn located behind a residence in the Riverview subdivision of Elba was completely destroyed by fire Thursday afternoon, Aug. 28. Firefighters with the Elba Fire Department received the call to the structure fire shortly after 5 p.m. last Thursday, and upon arrival, they found the building completely destroyed by flames. The firefighters quickly worked to get the situation under control by extinguishing the flames and keeping the fire from spreading to any other structures. At the time of the incident, it was unknown how the fire started since the building and house in which it is located behind are empty with no electricity running to either. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Police Department and a unit from Coffee County EMS.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will hold its regular monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 4, at 7 p.m., at the board of education office. A budget hearing will be held prior to the meeting at 6 p.m. The Coffee County Board of Education office is located on Reddoch Hill in Elba.

THE 2003 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 5, as the Elba Tigers will be at home against the Central Lions; the New Brockton Gamecocks will be at home against Red Level; the Kinross Bulldogs will travel to Houston County; the Zion Chapel Rebels will be at home against Pleasant Home; and the Brantley Bulldogs will be at home against Culloway.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will hold its regular bi-monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 8, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday, Sept. 8, at 7 p.m., in the council chambers of the New Brockton Town Hall. The New Brockton Water Board will meet prior to the council at 5:30 p.m.

THE ELBA HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING TIGER BAND currently is conducting its annual outdoor route through Wednesday, Sept. 10. Contact any band member or band parent to make a purchase or call 897-3748. For calendar advertisements, call 897-3743.

EDITORIAL

Amendment #1 set for vote next Tuesday

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Next Tuesday Alabama voters will journey to the polls and cast #1, the massive, complicated and confusing effort championed by Governor Bob Riley to cure the state's staggering financial woes.

Some of our friends are strongly in favor of the many faced proposal and other friends are equally strongly opposed. We are 100% with our friends.

True, this position will more than likely offend many on both sides of the issue. In our view, the list of weaknesses in this collection of bills is limitless. Probably the worst is the pile of fresh money it will give the legislators — and already has lobbyists salivating over the once-in-a-lifetime potential for windfalls. But also many of the needs are real.

Whether the new laws will bring in \$1.2 billion, \$1.4 or even after the recession ends, as much as \$2 billion, the money will soon be absorbed by needs, both real and created.

Of course confusion will probably ultimately get credit for the downfall of this measure. Both sides have made statements about the bills which appear to be, well... misleading at best. While there are always those who resort to scare tactics as strength for a particular position, pro or con, we think much of the current confusion is just that — confusion — confusion over complicated wording in hundreds of pages of proposed laws and ideas that at first blush are radical thinking for Alabama citizens.

It is a fact that the state is not in a "trust me" but so have countless other Alabama politicians for generations. We have not been given enough hard reasoning, nor positive actions to "Trust Bob" but that matters little, as he is just the temporary keeper of the keys. The legislature will still have the final word on how any money is dispensed. Whatever financial disaster a sitting governor enjoys is allowed by the legislature, and limited at best.

The Citizens Oversight Committee will have no authority except to promote the political careers of real and wannabe politicians.

Much has been written and spoken about the extreme pork policies of legislator Roger Bedford and funding for family run groups by Hank Sanders. But when local lawmakers try the same things, they applaud them back home for "good legislation." Bedford or Sanders could be stopped dead in their tracks if other lawmakers didn't go along to ensure getting a piece of the pie for their own districts. This financial abuse is ingrained in our system and will continue until voters statewide decide enough is enough and elect legislators who will place the good of all Alabama over buying votes back home with pork... or even our own prized community enhancement checks.

The big bad "crime" to stop pass through pork is only on one person, a misdemeanor if convicted by a jury of their peers. Forget it. While the new money is not earmarked much of it is "committed" according to the governor himself. Also the legislature has already spent a portion of any new income when they bowed to Paul Hubbard's pressure and promised to fund school teachers at previous levels. This action was taken without any idea of where already short education accounts would find the dollars to make good on that promise.

Hot dogs hit the U. S. cookout food image. Hot dogs are as much a part of summer as bathing suits and bug spray. Because most hot dogs are high in fat, you will need to balance these choices with your meal plan to increase variety and add nutrition to your eating plan. Red meats are a nutrition powerhouse. They are sources of iron, zinc, protein, vitamins B6, B12 and niacin.

Whether you plan to enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers, steak or chicken from your grill, just make sure to choose your meat wisely by going for lean cuts and keeping in mind portion sizes.

BULLETIN BOARD

• **ABUSING CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES THROUGH CHRIST** A.R.M.S. addiction recovery ministry service. Thu. 7-9 p.m. In Baptist Church. Call 565-3970 or visit the website: www.inobaptist.com

• **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** Courthouse: 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL.** Tuesday @ Noon-First. First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• **ELBA CITY COUNCIL.** 2nd & 4th Monday 6 p.m. City Hall

• **WATER & ELECTRIC.** Tuesday following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. City Hall

• **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• **GRIFP SUPPORT GROUP.** Every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church-entrance on side on W. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom

• **COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION.** 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• **LIONS CLUB.** 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center

• **ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD.** 1st Thurs. - 7:30 p.m. City Office

• **AMERICAN LEGION.** 1st Tuesday of every month 7:00 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• **MASONIC LODGE 170.** 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m. • **BAND BOOSTERS.** 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER.** Mon-Fri. 8-12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 804-5858

• **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House

• **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN.** 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• **ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY.** 2nd Thursday at noon, Driscoll Hanger at the Airport

• **AARP.** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB.** 1st & 3rd Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room

• **NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB.** Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.

We fear the minimum grade level requirement for the planned college scholarship program will lead to pressure on teachers to inflate d grades to ensure more qualify for the free college education. That would just overtax the \$125 million annual amount "committed" to scholarships. Why not give the money directly to higher ed?

We are offended at the graphs which measure the impact on income taxes and factor in the savings from the federal tax cuts of 2003. One should have nothing to do with the other.

We are indignant at the statement that it is our Christian obligation to support these bills. Our God will judge our Christianity. If someone wants to put this thing on a biblical level... well let's not go there.

The supporters keep expressing amazement that those with the lowest income are more inclined to oppose the bill. While they beat their drums about saving lower income citizens money on their state income tax (as little as \$6 for the lowest taxable incomes), the bills add taxes on automobile purchases, car tags, appliance repairs, etc., absolutely without regard to the financial status of the purchaser.

It is an insult to a person's intelligence for someone to stand up and with a straight face say that 80% of the people in Alabama will not pay higher taxes. That means that 20% would pay a whopping additional \$1.2 billion a year! Hogwash.

Many of our current financial problems were brought about because lawmakers increased both General Fund and Education Trust Fund budgets for the current year and with full expectations the short ages would continue. In just a few years the tax and spend mentality being promoted from the state capitol will put us right back in this position again.

Now, we don't have a better solution for all the problems. This state has been overly charitable to us, generations of our family and our friends. It has educated us (what learning we had) and accepted our tax system. We have enjoyed the good life and we have enjoyed the good life. We have enjoyed the good life. We have enjoyed the good life. We have enjoyed the good life.

We ride on good paved roads. There are bumps and potholes in places, but it was only a few years ago that these roads were dirt and often impassable. We rode on them during good weather and tried during times of rain. The improvements were done with tax dollars.

We have been stopped on Alabama highways during the past fifty years for speeding, but are still alive, thanks largely to the efforts of stern parents and our highway patrol... funded by state taxes.

We walk the streets without morbid fear and sleep without a cocked gun under the pillow because thousands of crooks are locked up in prisons... funded by state taxes.

We don't mind personally paying some more taxes, and Amendment #1 will cost us real money, but life in Alabama is still a great bargain. That doesn't mean we approve of waste at any level, waste should not be an option in our homes, businesses nor in our government.

Therefore, after putting it all on the balance scales, we will be holding our nose and voting FOR Amendment #1 next Tuesday. Hopefully Alabama will continue to survive the politicians... and the long winded editorial writers!

Elba Chamber of Commerce

Calendar of Events and Meetings

September 2003

Sept. 1 - Labor Day

Sept. 2 - Elba Rotary Club meeting

Sept. 3 - Azalea Garden Club meeting

Sept. 5 - Elba Tigers vs. Central Lions (Home)

Sept. 6 - "Celebrate Elba 150" Sesquicentennial Ball

Sept. 8 - Elba City Council meeting

Sept. 9 - Tax Election; Elba Rotary Club

Sept. 11 - Patriot Day

Sept. 12 - Elba Tigers vs. W.S. Neal Eagles (Away)

Sept. 16 - Elba Rotary Club meeting; New Season's Study Club meeting to be held at NEW Elba Chamber of Commerce office; Farm City's Cotton Pickin' Fun Day

Sept. 19 - Elba Tigers vs. Pike County Bulldogs (Home)

Sept. 22 - Elba City Council meeting

Sept. 23 - Autumn begins; Elba Rotary Club meeting

Sept. 25 - "Celebrate Elba 150" Chamber Banquet

Sept. 26 - Elba Tigers vs. Luverne Tigers (Away)

Sept. 30 - Elba Rotary Club meeting

October 2003

Oct. 1 - Azalea Garden Club meeting

Oct. 3 - Elba Tigers vs. T.R. Miller Tigers (Away)

Oct. 7 - Elba Rotary Club meeting

Oct. 9 - "Celebrate Elba 150" History of Elba Play

Oct. 10 - "Celebrate Elba 150" Prayer Breakfast; "150" T-shirt Day; Merchant Appreciation Day; and Business Expo; Elba Tigers vs. Straughn Tigers (Home)

Oct. 11 - "Celebrate Elba 150" Grand Celebration & Parade

Oct. 12 - "Celebrate Elba 150" Reception

Oct. 13 - Columbus Day

Oct. 14 - Elba Rotary Club meeting; Elba City Council meeting

Oct. 16 - New Season's Study Club meeting

Oct. 17 - Elba Tigers vs. Calhoun Tigers (Away)

Oct. 21 - Elba Rotary Club meeting

Oct. 24 - Elba Tigers vs. Clarke County Bulldogs (Home)

Oct. 26 - Daylight Savings Time ends

Oct. 27 - Elba City Council meeting

Oct. 28 - Elba Rotary Club meeting

Oct. 30 - Elba Chamber of Commerce presents "Pumpkins on the Square"/Homecoming Tailgate Party

Oct. 31 - Halloween; Homecoming; Elba Tigers vs. Geneva County Bulldogs

November 2003

Nov. 4 - Elba Rotary Club meeting

Nov. 5 - Azalea Garden Club meeting

Nov. 7 - Farm City Week Awards press conference

Nov. 10 - Elba City Council meeting

Nov. 11 - Veteran's Day

Nov. 18 - Elba Rotary Club meeting; New Season's Study Club meeting

Nov. 20 - 2003 Farm City Week Banquet

Nov. 24 - Elba City Council meeting

Nov. 25 - Elba Rotary Club meeting

Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving

Visit the

"Celebrate Elba 150" website at:

<http://www.elba150.com>

Now on Sale at the Chamber Office:

• Elba Chamber - \$5.00 • Chamber Membership Lave - \$5.00

• 2003 Elba Christmas Ornament (limited to 1,000) - \$10.00

• Hand Towel featuring the Elba Chamber Logo - \$10.00

• City of Elba T-shirt - \$5.00

"Celebrate Elba 150" Items:

• T-shirts - \$15.00 • Lapel Pins - \$3.00

• Tickets for the Sesquicentennial Ball (Sept. 6) - \$25 each

Elba Chamber of Commerce (334) 897-3125

Kaye Whitworth, executive director

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Many people have questions about what each of the bills of the Tax Reform and Accountability Plan means. Overall, the package of 19 bills makes major changes to Alabama's tax system. Changes are phased in over five years and will result in approximately \$1.2 billion annually for the state to fund services including corrections, education, human resources, public health, public safety, and transportation. The package criminalizes passing through pork, changes the teacher tenure system, requires public employees to pay a larger portion of their health insurance costs, and creates a merit-based college scholarship program.

I have read the entire proposal and hope everyone will before Sept. 9. The number one reason I keep hearing for voting no is because "it doesn't say the money will go to education." No, there are no words in it that say that. What it says is that those bills are an "Excellence Initiative Fund" for improvements to education, public safety, and local governments. What it says is that the Alabama will pay college tuition for students who have a B average and make 20 on the ACT. (Isn't that education?)

What it says is that the Alabama Reading Initiative will be fully funded. (Isn't that education?) What it says is that the Math, Science & Technology Initiative will be funded. (Isn't that education?) What it says is that the tenure system will be changed to a more efficient process to more quickly remove teachers who aren't doing their jobs. (Isn't that education?)

YES, some of us will pay more taxes. Some of us will pay taxes. Do you not think it disgraceful that Alabama taxes the income of people who make less than \$5000 per year? (And yes, that's 5 not 50.) People complain about the folks on welfare, but some of them will never get off if they actually bring home more money through welfare than through working. Even Mississippi doesn't start state income tax until \$19,000 per year.

People over 65 will be exempt from property tax, and from tax on Soc. Sec. payments. Family farmers whose farms are 200 acres or less will not see a difference. (70% of farms in Ala. are 200 or less acres.) ALA'S SCREAMING VOTE NO because big timber companies will FINALLY have to pay more tax. Don't you think they should? They average \$1.20 per acre now. Even if their taxes triple, it will still be less than other S.E. states. We live on lake-front property and pay less in property taxes than we did in Decatur, Ga., in 1980! I think that's ridiculous! (Yes, that is a "metro-Atlanta" area, but it was also 23 years ago!)

I AM VOTING YES because Amendment 1 doesn't earmark funds. Alabama already earmarks 92% of the budget—an outrageous amount. Earmarking means that if schools need more money and some other state agency has extra, you CAN'T move the money from one dept. to another, to fill the need. You have to wait for a new budget process.

One TV commercial implies that the legislators cannot be trusted to spend the money for education if it isn't earmarked. If we do not trust our legislators to do the right thing, then we need to vote them out. And speaking of not trusting legislators, Amendment 1 also says that "pass-through pork" will be illegal. Actually Gov. Riley has already banned this practice by executive order. Amendment 1 would add criminal penalties—legislators would pay fines.

If Amendment 1 passes, some of us will pay more tax, some will pay less. BUT YES, ALL of us will pay more in the future if it doesn't pass (YOU CAN COUNT ON IT). We will pay either in higher sales tax, more jobs leaving the state, or

lower quality of life. I AM VOTING YES. I hope you will too. More than that, I want everyone to READ THE AMENDMENT before voting. Don't cast your vote based on what friends, family or TV tell you. READ THE AMENDMENT! Go to the website and see exactly how much your taxes will be. (www.albanelba.com) Make an informed decision. IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE NO just because that's what your friends and family are doing, DON'T VOTE. Stay home and let those who have actually studied the issue make the decision.

Beth Pierce
Dadeville, AL 36853

Dear Editor,

As we near Sept. 9, I am compelled to urge your readers to make an informed decision concerning AMENDMENT 1. I AM VOTING YES not only

because I'm a teacher and I know what it might mean for education. I have also held jobs in "the private sector" and lived in two other states—Ga. and Tenn. I've lived in Alabama for 16 years, watching as young people move away because the opportunities aren't here. I see this as a long-awaited step forward for Alabama. No, it's not a perfect plan. No, it will not solve all our problems. No, it will not please everyone.

WHAT DOES? I AM VOTING YES because I have read the entire proposal and hope everyone will before Sept. 9. The number one reason I keep hearing for voting no is because "it doesn't say the money will go to education." No, there are no words in it that say that. What it says is that those bills are an "Excellence Initiative Fund" for improvements to education, public safety, and local governments. What it says is that the Alabama will pay college tuition for students who have a B average and make 20 on the ACT. (Isn't that education?)

What it says is that the Alabama Reading Initiative will be fully funded. (Isn't that education?) What it says is that the Math, Science & Technology Initiative will be funded. (Isn't that education?) What it says is that the tenure system will be changed to a more efficient process to more quickly remove teachers who aren't doing their jobs. (Isn't that education?)

YES, some of us will pay more taxes. Some of us will pay taxes. Do you not think it disgraceful that Alabama taxes the income of people who make less than \$5000 per year? (And yes, that's 5 not 50.) People complain about the folks on welfare, but some of them will never get off if they actually bring home more money through welfare than through working. Even Mississippi doesn't start state income tax until \$19,000 per year.

People over 65 will be exempt from property tax, and from tax on Soc. Sec. payments. Family farmers whose farms are 200 acres or less will not see a difference. (70% of farms in Ala. are 200 or less acres.) ALA'S SCREAMING VOTE NO because big timber companies will FINALLY have to pay more tax. Don't you think they should? They average \$1.20 per acre now. Even if their taxes triple, it will still be less than other S.E. states. We live on lake-front property and pay less in property taxes than we did in Decatur, Ga., in 1980! I think that's ridiculous! (Yes, that is a "metro-Atlanta" area, but it was also 23 years ago!)

I AM VOTING YES because Amendment 1 doesn't earmark funds. Alabama already earmarks 92% of the budget—an outrageous amount. Earmarking means that if schools need more money and some other state agency has extra, you CAN'T move the money from one dept. to another, to fill the need. You have to wait for a new budget process.

One TV commercial implies that the legislators cannot be trusted to spend the money for education if it isn't earmarked. If we do not trust our legislators to do the right thing, then we need to vote them out. And speaking of not trusting legislators, Amendment 1 also says that "pass-through pork" will be illegal. Actually Gov. Riley has already banned this practice by executive order. Amendment 1 would add criminal penalties—legislators would pay fines.

If Amendment 1 passes, some of us will pay more tax, some will pay less. BUT YES, ALL of us will pay more in the future if it doesn't pass (YOU CAN COUNT ON IT). We will pay either in higher sales tax, more jobs leaving the state, or

lower quality of life. I AM VOTING YES. I hope you will too. More than that, I want everyone to READ THE AMENDMENT before voting. Don't cast your vote based on what friends, family or TV tell you. READ THE AMENDMENT! Go to the website and see exactly how much your taxes will be. (www.albanelba.com) Make an informed decision. IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE NO just because that's what your friends and family are doing, DON'T VOTE. Stay home and let those who have actually studied the issue make the decision.

Beth Pierce
Dadeville, AL 36853

As we near Sept. 9, I am compelled to urge your readers to make an informed decision concerning AMENDMENT 1. I AM VOTING YES not only

because I'm a teacher and I know what it might mean for education. I have also held jobs in "the private sector" and lived in two other states—Ga. and Tenn. I've lived in Alabama for 16 years, watching as young people move away because the opportunities aren't here. I see this as a long-awaited step forward for Alabama. No, it's not a perfect plan. No, it will not solve all our problems. No, it will not please everyone.

WHAT DOES? I AM VOTING YES because I have read the entire proposal and hope everyone will before Sept. 9. The number one reason I keep hearing for voting no is because "it doesn't say the money will go to education." No, there are no words in it that say that. What it says is that those bills are an "Excellence Initiative Fund" for improvements to education, public safety, and local governments. What it says is that the Alabama will pay college tuition for students who have a B average and make 20 on the ACT. (Isn't that education?)

What it says is that the Alabama Reading Initiative will be fully funded. (Isn't that education?) What it says is that the Math, Science & Technology Initiative will be funded. (Isn't that education?) What it says is that the tenure system will be changed to a more efficient process to more quickly remove teachers who aren't doing their jobs. (Isn't that education?)

YES, some of us will pay more taxes. Some of us will pay taxes. Do you not think it disgraceful that Alabama taxes the income of people who make less than \$5000 per year? (And yes, that's 5 not 50.) People complain about the folks on welfare, but some of them will never get off if they actually bring home more money through welfare than through working. Even Mississippi doesn't start state income tax until \$19,000 per year.

People over 65 will be exempt from property tax, and from tax on Soc. Sec. payments. Family farmers whose farms are 200 acres or less will not see a difference. (70% of farms in Ala. are 200 or less acres.) ALA'S SCREAMING VOTE NO because big timber companies will FINALLY have to pay more tax. Don't you think they should? They average \$1.20 per acre now. Even if their taxes triple, it will still be less than other S.E. states. We live on lake-front property and pay less in property taxes than we did in Decatur, Ga., in 1980! I think that's ridiculous! (Yes, that is a "metro-Atlanta" area, but it was also 23 years ago!)

I AM VOTING YES because Amendment 1 doesn't earmark funds. Alabama already earmarks 92% of the budget—an outrageous amount. Earmarking means that if schools need more money and some other state agency has extra, you CAN'T move the money from one dept. to another, to fill the need. You have to wait for a new budget process.

One TV commercial implies that the legislators cannot be trusted to spend the money for education if it isn't earmarked. If we do not trust our legislators to do the right thing, then we need to vote them out. And speaking of not trusting legislators, Amendment 1 also says that "pass-through pork" will be illegal. Actually Gov. Riley has already banned this practice by executive order. Amendment 1 would add criminal penalties—legislators would pay fines.

If Amendment 1 passes, some of us will pay more tax, some will pay less. BUT YES, ALL of us will pay more in the future if it doesn't pass (YOU CAN COUNT ON IT). We will pay either in higher sales tax, more jobs leaving the state, or

lower quality of life. I AM VOTING YES. I hope you will too. More than that, I want everyone to READ THE AMENDMENT before voting. Don't cast your vote based on what friends, family or TV tell you. READ THE AMENDMENT! Go to the website and see exactly how much your taxes will be. (www.albanelba.com) Make an informed decision. IF YOU PLAN TO VOTE NO just because that's what your friends and family are doing, DON'T VOTE. Stay home and let those who have actually studied the issue make the decision.

Obituaries

ELIZABETH FLORIDE (REESE) KELLEY

Mrs. Elizabeth Floride (Reese) Kelley, age 82, Jack, Ala., died Aug. 26, 2003 at her residence.

Funeral services were held Aug. 29, 2003 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donnie Marler officiating. Burial followed in the Victoria Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Fred S. Kelley, Jack, one brother, Rev. Burney Reese, Enterprise, Ala., and several nieces and nephews.

HENRY OSBORN EILAND

Mr. Henry Osborn Eiland, age 86, Opp, Ala., died August 27, 2003 at Elba Nursing Home in Elba, Ala.

Funeral services were held Aug. 29, 2003 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Reverend Ron Stallard officiating. Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Survivors include one daughter, Jeanette Fiquette, Costa Mesa, Calif., two sons,

LaWayne Eiland and Henry O Eiland Jr., both of Calif.; three sisters: Louise Miller, Brewton, Ala., Lucille Thornton, Greenville, Ala., Addie Pearl Forbes, Opp, Ala., two brothers: Edward Eiland, Elba, Tom Eiland, Brewton.

LEON DEVANE

Leon Devane, age 82 of Enterprise, Ala. died Saturday, August 30, 2003 in Medical Center Enterprise Funeral services were held September 1, 2003 from the chapel of Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Doster officiating. The burial followed in the Whitewater Baptist Church cemetery with Patterson-Sorrells Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Syble Lorraine Devane, Enterprise, Ala.; two sons, Bruce I. Devane (Jr.) Vance S. Devane (Beverly) both of Enterprise, one sister, Evelyn Pope, New Brockton, Ala.; one brother, Bill Devane, Elba; two granddaughters, one great grandson and several nieces and nephews.

CARD OF THANKS

CORLEY FAMILY

The family of Wanda Taylor Corley would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, cards, food, flowers, and other acts of kindness shown to our family during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to Dr. Kim Williams for her care, compassion and support. We would also like to extend our appreciation to Dr. Lance Dyess, the Elba Rescue Squad and the Elba Police Department. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Jack Corley
Jud & Donna Corley
Judy & Rick Kessock
Casey & Bill King



Alabama Voter,
Your vote is important! A new election law in Alabama requires you to show ONE form of current and valid identification at the polls. If you have any questions about the numerous forms of I.D. which can be used, contact your county's Probate Judge or the Secretary of State's Office. Please show up to vote, and show your I.D.!

Nancy
Nancy Worley
Secretary of State

YOU CAN SHOW ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF I.D.

- Driver's License
- Employee Card
- Student I.D.
- Utility Bill
- Bank Statement
- Social Security Check
- Veterans Check
- Paycheck
- Social Security Card
- Medicaid Card
- Fishing License
- Gun Permit
- Medicare Card
- EBT Card
- Hunting License
- U.S. Passport
- Military I.D.
- Birth Certificate
- Naturalization Certificate
- Adoption Record
- Name Change Record
- Other Government Documents

VOTER I.D.
Show up to Vote - Show your I.D.

1-800-274-VOTE(8688) www.sos.state.al.us

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Progress continues in Elba and in the forward direction. This week the City of Elba begins advertising for bids to extend a 12" water line 4931 feet (almost a mile) to the new manufacturing plant under construction on airport property. They have a target date of December or early January to be in the new building. The company has already set up temporary offices in the old rescue squad building, recently vacated by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

There will be a certain amount of confusion next Tuesday as Alabama voters are required for the first time to produce some sort of identification before they can actually vote. It shouldn't be any problem but people will be people. Of course a driver's license would be a natural for this, but the law gives a wide latitude and voters can almost scribble their name on a piece of paper and get approval (not really, but close). Anyway, be prepared Tuesday to prove you are the person you claim to be.

We received an e-mail Tuesday that had a footnote at the bottom quoting someone else strongly in favor of Amendment #1. Ideas and adaptations of other ideas people come up with never cease to amaze us. It is like the awe we have at all the great jokes people pull out of their heads. Here it is, even if maybe more than a bit exaggerated. "We need a T-shirt with large, easy-to-read lettering on the front and back. FRONT: What part of \$675 million don't you understand? BACK: What part of 24% sales tax do you like?"

If you don't have enough to worry about, consider the latest from the space doctors. Asteroid 2003 QQ47 will be closely monitored over the next two months. This asteroid is about 8/10th of a mile across and is judged to have the highest potential for a collision with earth in the year 2014. In fact it is "guessed" to hit on March 21, 2014. Of course even with today's calculations there is only a one in a million chance of this occurring. However if it does, the explosion is calculated to be larger than a million A-bombs the size of those which hit Japan. That would be some noise! Scientific types will be studying this new asteroid for the next two months to better learn its orbit. We are not worrying because our unscientific figures show the odds are a million to one that they will say, "Oops, we now see it going a zillion miles in the other direction."

Be sure to vote next Tuesday. A democracy can continue to exist and prosper only if citizens take an active part in the decisions made on election day. All the experts expect this amendment to fail, something we predicted months ago. However, the outcome, pro or con, could easily be changed if uninspired voters simply ignore the election process and don't vote.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Aug. 18, 2003, investigated the following incidents: one theft, one dog bite, one harassment, two for burglary, one criminal mischief, one driving under the influence and one church fire.

The following arrests were made: one on warrant and one driving under the influence.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: four for speeding, one for reckless endangerment, two for driving with a suspended driver's license, one for driving without driver's license in possession, one for violation of the child restraint law, two for not wearing a seat belt, one for no proof of insurance and one for running a red light.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, AUGUST 25 - River stage - 6.63 feet (6:00 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of Hwy. 189 S and County Rd. 411 (3:23 p.m.).

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 - River stage - 7.22 feet (6:09 a.m.); Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27 - River stage - 6.72 feet (6:10 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 793 County Rd. 349

CHURCH & AREA NEWS

ROUND & ABOUT WITH ERIA

897-2006

Scripture: Ezekiel 21:10

***Thinking of You, praying For You-Lizze Tyson, Lovie Hooks, Hilre Hooks, Mattie Belcher, Versie Barnes, Murry Barnes, John E. Folmar, Joyce B. Johnson, Rev. Henry Ewing, Jr., Paul Belcher, Rev. Nita Brooks, Carolyn Lawrence, Marie Tillis, Kary Nell Horstead, Lawrence Bryant and John Lee.

beginning at 7:00 nightly. Scheduled will be Monday Night-Deacons/Deaconesses, Tuesday-Matrons, Wednesday-Youth Department, Thursday-Ushers, Friday Night-Sunday School/Brotherhood, Saturday Night-Choirs.

***16th Church Anniversary celebration of Rocky Head MB Church will be Sunday morning beginning at 11:15, September 28, 2003.

***Ms. Traniesia Caldwell will deliver her trial sermon on Sunday, September 7th 3:00 p.m. at Faith Tabernacle Christian Center, Opp, AL (Pastor Rodrick Caldwell, Bishop Kenneth Earl Rogers).

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Non-credit painting and ceramics classes set at WCC

The Corporate and Continuing Education Department at Wallace Community College is offering two non-credit short courses during fall semester.

Anyone can Paint meets on Tuesdays, Sept. 30 - Oct. 28, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Instructor is Jeff Babine, professional artist and veteran art educator.

In this beginning course, students will create a still-life painting in their choice of acrylic or oil paint. A supply list will be sent upon registration and fee payment. Fee for the course is \$65 if paid before Sept. 16 and \$75 if paid by Sept. 25.

***Tahirah ("K" K" K") Belcher, Montgomery, AL, Kathy Johnson, Morrow, Georgia and Melissa Kelley, Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL, visited Elba, Laundey, Belcher, Elba, and the late Ella Brook of Enterprise.

Auxiliary Week- to be held at Rocky Head MB Church September 22-27 with services

Benefit singing planned for Ashley Wise

A benefit singing will be held for Ashley Wise, son of Rita Smart Saundergard and Mickey Wise, grandson of Jesse and Lela Smart and Katherine Turner. The benefit will be held at Bluff Springs Baptist Church, Coffee County Road 304, on Saturday, September 6, 2003.

Griefshare program planned at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Enterprise

Hillcrest Baptist Church will begin Griefshare, a program for those who have lost a loved one. The independent programs will be held at the church located at 500, Alberta Street, Enterprise, Alabama, on each Thursday starting at 6:00 p.m. beginning September 4 and ending December 4, there is NO FEE REQUIRED. For information call Rev. Jim Duhamme 347-2516.

The Watkins Family to be in concert at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center September 20

The Watkins Family, Toccoa, Ga., will return in Blue Grass gospel concert, Saturday, September 20th, 7:00 p.m. at the Klondyke Gospel Music Center, located 1/2 way between Newton and Ozark, Ala., at 3885 Highway 123 South. No admission charge.

DEADLINE FOR CHURCH NEWS IS MONDAY!

Elba Elementary School Menu September 8-12, 2003

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Cheese, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Hamburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, Peanut Butter Cookie, Milk
Tuesday - Walries/Syrup, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Applesauce, Milk
Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Patty, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, Taco Sauce, 1/2 Apple, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hot Dog, Potato Rounds, California Style Vegetables, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fried Chicken, Rice, English Peas, 1/2 Orange, Roll, Milk

Gray carpet, rug & upholstery cleaning services

Ask about our every day SPECIALS That can save you money Locally owned and operated to best serve you Call today at 897-8411

Church Directory

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Worship.....6:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Gunnells, Minister Bible Study.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY J. E. Wesley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor, Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....6:30 p.m.	ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. John L. Baxter, Pastor Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.	ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Lovel Martin, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p.m.	FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:30 p.m.
--	--	---	--	---	---	--	---	---

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS Andy Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Ron & Mary Simson, Pastors Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Youth Service.....6:00 p.m.	LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hanchey, Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays	MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Fred Fowler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.	MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH De. Tony Dye, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.	MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert McWaters, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.	MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Ray Layton, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	MULBERRY HTS. CHURCH OF CHRIST R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class.....6:30 p.m.	NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Ray Little-Minister Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH Bro. J. Long, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Lorelei Flowers, Minister Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.	OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor 2nd & 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Walter Faulk, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	PRATHE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Betty Morris, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	RIVER OF LIFE WORSHIP CENTER Rev. Lamar Dean Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. R. Williams, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:30 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays	ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	SHADY GROVE AME Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study.....6:00 p.m.	SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:30 p.m.	TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Lloyd Hodge Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service.....6:00 p.m. Friday Prayer Meeting.....5:00 p.m.	VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Pastor Rev. Roy L. Turner Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Rev. Bobby Holliday Sunday School.....9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....10:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....6:00 p.m.	WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service.....7:00 p.m.	WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Roger Lee, Interim Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting.....7:00 p.m.	WOODEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wed. Service.....7:00 p.m.	ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH James Maddox, Pastor Sunday School.....9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m.	ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH Nathan Johnson, Pastor Sunday School.....10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship.....11:00 a.m. Even. Service.....6:00 p.m. Wednesday Service.....7:00 p.m.
--	---	---	---	--	--	--	--	---	--	---	---	--	--	--	---	---	---	--	--	---	---	--	---	--	---	---	--	--	--	---	---	--

Sponsored by:
SouthTrust Bank & The Elba Clipper

Lauren Kristen Haley celebrates first birthday



Lauren Kristen Haley

Lauren Kristen Haley celebrated her first birthday with a party at her home on Aug. 9.

She is the daughter of David and Cindi Haley.

Guests were entertained with pool play, sweets and treats.

Those helping make Lauren's first birthday special included her big sister, Lindsay; grandmothers Peggy Creel and Dorothy Haley; Keli and Kelsi Bryan; Joe, Tonya and Taylor Creel; Colton and Delsa Creel; Jim, Laurie and Brooke Chapman; Leslie and Keith Grantham; Clifton and Emmalee Houston; Aaron and Cameron Spurlin; Jackey and Susan Tindol; Chad, Julie, Becca Katie and Jackson Tindol; Kristi and Whit Wilkerson; and Sherry Young.

C.C. Education Retirees Association to honor new education retirees

The Coffee County Education Retirees Association will honor new education retirees at a Fall Fellowship on Tuesday, September 16, 2:30 p.m. at the Enterprise City Schools Service Center, Highway 84 East. All Coffee County education retirees including teachers and administrators from elementary through college levels, support personnel, and bus drivers are invited to attend. Those needing additional information may call Joan Lewis at 347-4612.



MARY ALICE WISE was honored on her 90th birthday with a reception hosted by her family at the Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 29. Family members and friends joined her in the celebration of this special occasion.

New Arrival!

JOHNWISE LONG



Joseph Bentley Long

Joseph Bentley Long is four years old

Joseph Bentley Long turned four years old on July 7. The theme of the party was "Nemo". The party was held at Coastal Encounters in St. Simons Island, Ga. on July 6. Guests saw, touched, and learned about snakes, crabs, turtles, and fish from the coast.

Bentley is the son of Victor and Whitney Wise Long of St. Simons Island, Ga. He is the grandson of John Long of Ormond Beach, Fla.; Rona Long, St. Simons Island, Ga.; Robin Earl and Shirley Morgan of Enterprise and the late James J. Wise, Jr. of Elba.

Great-grandparents are Irene Long, Bamberge, Ga.; Mary Alice Wise, Elba; Mary Lacy Nolin, Red Level.

Victor and Whitney Wise Long of St. Simons Island, Ga. announce the birth of their son, JohnWise Long. He was born August 8, 2003. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. He was welcomed home by his four-year-old brother, Bentley.

Grandparents are John Long, Ormond Beach, Fla.; Rona Long, St. Simons Island, Ga.; Shirley and Robin Earl Morgan, Enterprise; and the late James J. Wise, Jr. of Elba.

Great-grandparents are Irene Long, Bamberge, Ga.; Mary Alice Wise, Elba; Mary Lacy Nolin, Red Level.

Bradley's Florist & Gift Bridal Registry
Misty Perry & Jamie Whitworth
Bobbie Jo York & Cory Anderson
Anna Head & Rex Oggs

Offering:
• Crystal stemware
• China • Flatware
897-3422

Clyde L. Sadie

WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS... YOU KNOW what coverages you need... see us for the BEST COMPANY for you!

15 FEWER PEOPLE WHO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THIS COUNTRY NEEDS!

MARSH INSURANCE AGENCY

Serving Elba's Insurance Needs Since 1947
137 N. Court St., Elba, Alabama

897-2981

Let us order you rubber stamp!
THE ELBA CLIPPER
897-2823

Southern Hearing Associates

3 Days Only!
Sept. 10-12

Factory Representative Open House

America's Largest Custom Hearing Instrument Company

AUDIBEL

By Appointment Only
393-6837

ROWA meeting set for September 9

The first Retired Officers' Wives Auxiliary for the 2003-2004 calendar years will meet for Brunch at 10:30 A.M. Sep 9 at the Aviator's Landing (formerly known as the Rucker Officers' Club). All wives of retired officers in the area are encouraged to attend.

Reservations are required and may be made by calling Norma Henley at 598-8153. The ROWA Board will host this brunch. For more information please call Sue Cobb at 347-5571.

"Can You Hear Me Now?"

"Leaders in the Wiregrass for Digital Technology"

AMERICAN OWNED • AMERICAN MADE
107 E. WATTS • ENTERPRISE • 393-6837
Co-located with Dr. McQueen behind the hospital

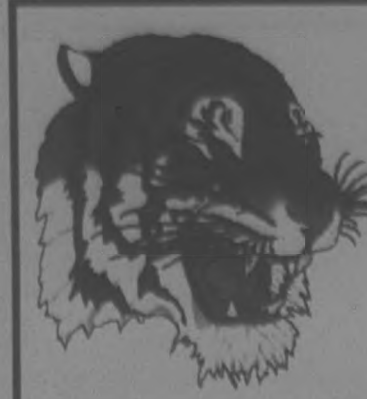
SCHOOLS

School Reminders:

Elba City School Website
Did you know that Elba City Schools are connected to the World Wide Web? Our page offers a variety of things. You can get homework help, college information, and emails of all Elba City School's teachers. So when you're out surfing the web, be sure to check out www.elbaed.com/!

Yearbook Ads

The EHS Journalism staff members are out-and-about selling ads for the 2003-04 Elbala yearbook. The majority of the yearbook is paid for by ads. Yearbooks cost \$88 to make, but thanks to ads, we are able to sell them for \$28 each. As you can see, ad sales are VERY necessary. Please support the EHS Journalism Staff in our efforts to create a successful yearbook.



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Brittany Cooper
& Alex Allen

Elba volleyball team ready for action

by Anna Harrison

Elba High School's 2003 Varsity Volleyball team consists of the following players: Yolanda Reynolds, junior; Mallory Allen, junior; Kristin Barnes, junior; Lyndsay Lawford, sophomore; Ashley Waddell, sophomore; Amanda Pope, sophomore; and Kendal Stinson, sophomore.

When asked about the team,

coach Amelia Rhodes said, "This season will be a blast. The Tigers have worked long and hard this season. I feel that our team will be skilled and ready to run plays this year. Our strengths will be all the returning players from last year. We will still be young, but strong. This year's team will be more prepared for the game situation."

The Lady Tigers will compete in the Kinston-Set-Off Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 6, and all fans are encouraged to attend. Elba's schedule is as follows:

Elba vs. Kinston - 9 a.m.
Elba vs. Arton - 10 a.m.
Elba vs. New Brockton 2 p.m.

Go Lady Tigers!

Seniors take field trip to TSU

by Karrie Copeland

On Tuesday, Aug. 26, the senior class took a trip to Troy State University to hear Governor Bob Riley talk about his Plan for Progress Rally.

Upon arriving at Troy State, we were seated in the Trojan arena to wait on the Governor to arrive. While waiting we were entertained by TSU "Sound of the South" and other area high school bands.

Numerous speakers were there to speak before Gov. Riley spoke. When Riley spoke, he gave us facts about how things are really getting out of hand.

It took Alabamians a hundred years to achieve a debt, and it took us four years to double it. There is not enough patrol officers on Alabama Highways, therefore, between 12 midnight and 4 a.m. there are no officers on the road unless they are called. One of Riley's options was to raise a quarter of a billion dollars but that option still leaves education out of it.

Riley promised, "That if passed education will not be expensive as it is now and we will be leaders."

I asked just a few people how

Live from Elba High

by Alex Allen

Broadcasting is an important tool in conveying information to the students of Elba High and the people of Elba, and so enters the broadcast journalism team.

The broadcast journalism team is responsible for organizing and creating each day's episode of MTV (which stands for More Tiger Videos) news at the school. They are also responsible for each edition of Tiger Talk that airs on the local radio station WZTZ. Both the television and radio programs shed light on the events and happenings of and around our very own Elba High. Who bears the burden of these responsibilities?

This year three seniors have stepped forward and shoulder this weight. Hannah Martin, Colby Capps and Ben Dye.

Senior Beta holds first club meeting

by Meredith English

On the morning of Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 7:50, Elba High School's Senior Beta Club had its first club meeting in the Library Classroom.

The first order of business was to discuss the dues to be

they felt and their thoughts about the rally.

Mrs. Weeks, "I thought it was interesting and he had a point."

Alex Allen, "He said everything bad about education but he really didn't say how he would fix it."

Michele Weston, "He makes a convincing argument but I don't agree."



Elba High School's broadcast journalism team (from left - Ben Dye, Hannah Martin and Colby Capps).

Each adds his/her special grace to this year's program. With Colby's smooth voice of reason, Hannah's smile and positive outlook, and Ben bringing the comedy this year promises to be a great year for the broadcast journalism team.

Senior Beta holds first club meeting

Calhoun gave instructions to the officers to guide them throughout the school year, and that was the first meeting of the Elba High School Senior Beta Club.

After that order of business, the group started the business of nominating and electing club officers. This year Colby Capps will be president. Blake Brunson will be vice president.

Meredith English will be secretary. Alex Allen will be treasurer and Kristin Barnes and Lyndsay Lawford will both be reporter/historian.

Once that business subsided, the students discussed a few ideas and activities that might be carried through during the school year.

At about 8:10 a.m., Mrs. Calhoun dismissed the club members and asked the officers to stay to take a picture. After the camera had flashed Mrs.

**SUPPORT
OUR YOUTH,
EDUCATION
AND
SCHOOLS**



PICTURE OF THE WEEK (by Ayonna Procter)...Hey Look! It's invisible football.

Elba Elementary School utilizes Welcome Buddy program

by Christy Eubanks

The Welcome Buddy program is off to a great start this year. If you don't know what a Welcome Buddy is, here's the 4-1-1. When new students are to be placed in a classroom, the Welcome Buddies of that class greet the new students at the office. They then take the new students on a tour of the building while the parents discuss matters with the counselor. Being that Welcome Buddies make the first impression of EES for the new students, they are required to have outgoing personalities, to be role models for good classroom behavior and to have regular attendance.

and, most importantly, they must be familiar with the school, policies, and procedures. This year's welcome buddies are as follows:

First Grade: Miguel Banks, Kaelyn Fillingim, Chance Johnson, Denzell Thomas, Stone Collins, Kendal Belcher, Travis Martin, Nikasia Anderson

Fourth Grade: Emily Allen, Gunnar McCollough, Sage Kelley, Tiffany Bradshaw, Carrie Sem, Donta Rogers, Seth Hanchey, Jake Camley

Fifth Grade: Kristin Kelley, Isaac Nelson, Kayla Parks, Jantzen Flowers, Kendra Silar, Brantson Bowers, William Petty, Brittany Hudson

Sixth Grade: Janae Camley, Taylor Cotton, Jonathon Farmer, Daniqua Horstead, Jo Jo McBride, Kevin Allen

Congratulations, Welcome Buddies!!!!!! Good luck with the upcoming school year. We know you will do a GREAT job!!

Bailey, Kelinda Griffin, Caitlin Cooper, Chip Curtis

Third Grade: Justin Pope, Kordra Downie, Brinley Williams, Hayden Disotell, Shae Sams, Brennan Schindler, Harry Griffin

Second Grade: Taylor Ford, Malik Kelly, Anna Bowers, Malik Smith, Logan

First Grade: Miguel Banks, Kaelyn Fillingim, Chance Johnson, Denzell Thomas, Stone Collins, Kendal Belcher, Travis Martin, Nikasia Anderson

Fourth Grade: Emily Allen, Gunnar McCollough, Sage Kelley, Tiffany Bradshaw, Carrie Sem, Donta Rogers, Seth Hanchey, Jake Camley

Fifth Grade: Kristin Kelley, Isaac Nelson, Kayla Parks, Jantzen Flowers, Kendra Silar, Brantson Bowers, William Petty, Brittany Hudson

Sixth Grade: Janae Camley, Taylor Cotton, Jonathon Farmer, Daniqua Horstead, Jo Jo McBride, Kevin Allen

Congratulations, Welcome Buddies!!!!!! Good luck with the upcoming school year. We know you will do a GREAT job!!

Bailey, Kelinda Griffin, Caitlin Cooper, Chip Curtis

Third Grade: Justin Pope, Kordra Downie, Brinley Williams, Hayden Disotell, Shae Sams, Brennan Schindler, Harry Griffin

Second Grade: Taylor Ford, Malik Kelly, Anna Bowers, Malik Smith, Logan

First Grade: Miguel Banks, Kaelyn Fillingim, Chance Johnson, Denzell Thomas, Stone Collins, Kendal Belcher, Travis Martin, Nikasia Anderson

Fourth Grade: Emily Allen, Gunnar McCollough, Sage Kelley, Tiffany Bradshaw, Carrie Sem, Donta Rogers, Seth Hanchey, Jake Camley

Fifth Grade: Kristin Kelley, Isaac Nelson, Kayla Parks, Jantzen Flowers, Kendra Silar, Brantson Bowers, William Petty, Brittany Hudson

Sixth Grade: Janae Camley, Taylor Cotton, Jonathon Farmer, Daniqua Horstead, Jo Jo McBride, Kevin Allen

POLL OFFICIALS FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2003 AMENDMENT ELECTION

STATE OF ALABAMA
COFFEE COUNTY

We, the undersigned Appointing Board of Coffee County, do hereby appoint the following named persons to conduct the Constitutional Amendment Election to be held on September 9, 2003.

DISTRICT ONE

Beat Two - Danley's Cross Roads
Inspector Mack Donaldson
Chief Clerk Winfred Baker
1st Clerk Jeanette B. Nelson
2nd Clerk David G. Baker

Beat Three - Lee Community
Inspector Alline Lee
Chief Clerk Bernice Culver
1st Clerk John Glenn Lee
2nd Clerk Mary Alice Lee

DISTRICT TWO

Beat Four - Newbia
Inspector Brenda Johnson
Chief Clerk Rander Johnson
1st Clerk Cleo Amlong
2nd Clerk Estin Baker

Beat Five - Bluff Springs
Inspector Gilmer Grant
Chief Clerk Teresa Ann Martin
1st Clerk Shirley Little
2nd Clerk Levy C. Kelley

Beat Six - National Guard Armory, Elba
Inspector Stanley Walker
Chief Clerk Mrs. Ventellie Corbett
1st Clerk Doris Ausbon
2nd Clerk Sylvia Padgett

Beat Fifteen - Zion Chapel
Inspector C. Ray Hurd
Chief Clerk Martha Sue Lowery
1st Clerk Maggie Brown
2nd Clerk Lela Wilson

Beat Nineteen - Pine Level
Inspector Hughie W. Bryan Jr.
Chief Clerk Christine Bowden
1st Clerk Daphne Huggins
2nd Clerk John Blackmon

Beat Twenty - Basin
Inspector Lanette Boutwell
Chief Clerk Betty S. Boutwell
1st Clerk Bobby Boutwell
2nd Clerk Brenda Boutwell

Beat Twenty One - Wise's Mill
Inspector Richard T. Brown
Chief Clerk Edna English
1st Clerk Nina Allen
2nd Clerk Annie Pearl Carpenter

Beat Twenty Two - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

DISTRICT TWO

Beat Nine - New Brockton Community Room
Inspector Thomas Eads
Chief Clerk Shirley Eads
1st Clerk Joyce Meadows
2nd Clerk Wanza Peacock

Beat Ten/1 - Victoria
Inspector Shirley White
Chief Clerk Faye Peters
1st Clerk Betty Boutwell
2nd Clerk Merle Bragg

Beat Ten/2 - Chestnut Grove
Inspector Murrell Johnson
Chief Clerk Alicia Ohlenburger
1st Clerk Ouida Cotton
2nd Clerk Marshall Spivey

Beat Eleven - Fresno
Inspector Kenneth M. Sanders
Chief Clerk Levo Liptrot
1st Clerk Annie Brooks
2nd Clerk Mildred Carter

Beat Seventeen - Heritage Methodist Church
Inspector Sharon Brozaski
Chief Clerk Elizabeth Tew
1st Clerk Rose Ann Licina
2nd Clerk Bob Evans

DISTRICT THREE

Beat One - Perry's Store
Inspector Mary A. Bess
Chief Clerk Fred Hodge
1st Clerk Mathalyn Farris
2nd Clerk Louise Farris

Beat Seven - Enterprise Rec Center
Inspector Bert Block
Chief Clerk Ruby Crumpler
1st Clerk William Carter
2nd Clerk Bud Hickman

Beat Eighteen - Kinston
Inspector Howard E. Bess
Chief Clerk Sara Nell Bowden
1st Clerk Mary Cook
2nd Clerk Betty Jo Seay

Beat Nineteen - Pine Level
Inspector Hughie W. Bryan Jr.
Chief Clerk Christine Bowden
1st Clerk Daphne Huggins
2nd Clerk John Blackmon

Beat Twenty - Basin
Inspector Lanette Boutwell
Chief Clerk Betty S. Boutwell
1st Clerk Bobby Boutwell
2nd Clerk Brenda Boutwell

Beat Twenty One - Wise's Mill
Inspector Richard T. Brown
Chief Clerk Edna English
1st Clerk Nina Allen
2nd Clerk Annie Pearl Carpenter

Beat Twenty Two - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Twenty Three - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Twenty Four - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Six - Army Reserve Center - Elba (Rec Center)
Inspector Nadine Fuller
Chief Clerk Lynda Berry
1st Clerk Bobby Hudson
2nd Clerk Cabot Mills

Beat Seven - Pleasant Ridge
Inspector Leon Reynolds
Chief Clerk Sue Walls
1st Clerk Gayle Kelley
2nd Clerk Betty Reynolds

Beat Fourteen/1 - Ino
Inspector Betty Sessions
Chief Clerk Wilmer Camley
1st Clerk Essie Dell McInnis
2nd Clerk Nyoka Bowdoin

Beat Fourteen/2 - Holley's Store
Inspector Shirley Chambliss
Chief Clerk Lora Chambliss
1st Clerk Grace Weeks
2nd Clerk Ed Carol

Beat Sixteen - Damascus
Inspector Judith Hurley
Chief Clerk Cheryl Farris
1st Clerk Ouida Crosby
2nd Clerk Ed Carroll

Beat Eighteen - Kinston
Inspector Howard E. Bess
Chief Clerk Sara Nell Bowden
1st Clerk Mary Cook
2nd Clerk Betty Jo Seay

Beat Nineteen - Pine Level
Inspector Hughie W. Bryan Jr.
Chief Clerk Christine Bowden
1st Clerk Daphne Huggins
2nd Clerk John Blackmon

Beat Twenty - Basin
Inspector Lanette Boutwell
Chief Clerk Betty S. Boutwell
1st Clerk Bobby Boutwell
2nd Clerk Brenda Boutwell

Beat Twenty One - Wise's Mill
Inspector Richard T. Brown
Chief Clerk Edna English
1st Clerk Nina Allen
2nd Clerk Annie Pearl Carpenter

Beat Twenty Two - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Twenty Three - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Twenty Four - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Twenty Five - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Twenty Six - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Twenty Seven - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Twenty Eight - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Twenty Nine - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty One - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty Two - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty Three - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty Four - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty Five - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty Six - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty Seven - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty Eight - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Thirty Nine - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

Beat Forty - Wise Mill School Voting House
Inspector Reda Sheffield
Chief Clerk Dallas Dean
1st Clerk Shirley Dean
2nd Clerk Taft Kelly

COMMUNITY NEWS



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PURCHASING MANAGERS, Wiregrass Chapter, recently donated a scholarship to the Wallace Community College Foundation. Presenting the check was David Pearce, purchasing manager at Dunkerton Corporation. Dr. Linda C. Young, WCC president, accepted the scholarship funds on behalf of the Foundation. The scholarship will be awarded for spring semester 2004.

Huntingdon announces area 2003 graduates

The following individuals, listed in order of their hometown zip codes, graduated as members of the Class of 2003 at Huntingdon College.

Honors at graduation are conferred upon students who complete work for the Bachelor of Arts degree with high distinction. The minimum cumulative grade point averages required for special scholastic recognition at graduation are as follows:

Heather Brienne Hall

Dothan Human Performance and Kinesiology Gilbert and Debra Hall

Catherine Elizabeth Bedsole Elba Psychology Richard and Sonya Bedsole

Amy Marie Halpin Enterprise English Lisa and Donald Halpin

Laura Andrea Sanders New Brockton Human Performance and Kinesiology

Royas Sanders/Jeanie Hiers

NCO Spouses' Club to have membership sign-up Thursday, September 18

The NCO Spouses' Club at Fort Rucker will have a membership sign-up on Thursday September 18, 7:00 p.m. Bld. 2801B 7th Avenue. Refreshments and door prizes, if babysitting is needed call 774-2016 or 347-1051. The Spouses' Club is open to all Enlisted Spouses of E-1 - E-9 Active duty, retired, widows, Disabled Veterans, Reservist and National Guard both active and those

who drill monthly. Membership is also open to all female enlisted personnel E-1 - E-9. Membership is open to all branches of service Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard. The Spouses' Club meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at bid 2801 7th Avenue Ft. Rucker. For more information call 774-2016 or 347-1051.

The Wiregrass Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers awards scholarships

The Wiregrass Chapter of the American Society of Military Comptrollers recently presented two scholarships of \$1,000 each to two deserving local graduates. To qualify for the scholarships, the candidates were required to be outstanding graduating high school seniors and entering a field of study directly related to finance or resource management.

Miranda Joseph is a recent graduate of Enterprise High School and plans to enter Auburn University in the fall, pursuing a degree in business. Courtney was involved in many activities during her senior year, to include serving as Band Captain and also graduated with honors.

ASMC is a non-profit organization that focuses on the professional development of its members and community service. The presentation of scholarships to deserving local area high school seniors has become a proud tradition of the Wiregrass Chapter. Seniors are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Information will be available in early 2004 through high school counselors.

Courtney Pelham graduated

WCC offers French for travel course

Prepare for a dream vacation to France in classes at Wallace Community College. "French for Travel" is scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday

evenings, Sept. 9 - 25. Classes meet from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The non-credit short course is designed for those who have no knowledge of French. Students will learn key words and phrases, as well as helpful information on French culture and travel opportunities.

For information or to register for these courses call (334) 556-2203 or 1-800-432-2426, ext. 2203.

Click Theatre's Enterprise

SEPT 5-11

1 - JEFFERS CREEPER 2 (R) M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15

2 - FREAKY FRIDAY (PG) M-F 7:15 & 9:15 - SAS 2:15, 7:15 & 9:15

3 - DICKIN BOMBERS (PG-13) M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15

4 - S.W.A.T. (PG-13) M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15

5 - THE ORDER (R) M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15

6 - FREDDY VS JASON (R) M-F 7:15 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15

7 - OPEN RANGE (R) M-F 7 & 9:15 - SAS 2, 7 & 9:15

8 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

9 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

10 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

11 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

12 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

13 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

14 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

15 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

16 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

17 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

18 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

19 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

20 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

21 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

22 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

23 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

24 - MON-THUR 7 ONLY

25 - MON-THUR 7

SCHOOLS

Richard Crawford, guitarist, joined the band in 1991.

Fatty Lombard helps her daughter Lynchpin pick out a lady set of earrings to accent her ball attire.

n
-
g
g
e
f
t

s
-
i.
v
d

The parents who are dropping off high school students should

**South Alabama
Cooperative, Inc.**

Electric
Inc.

(standing) President Jamey White, Secretary Anna Miller, S.

A 'Tachstone Energy' Cooperative 1-800-855-8555

0-556-2060

SPORTS

Views from... THE PRESS BOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I know that I have been out of school for many, many years, but I just can't seem to remember ever having all the homework that Melanie seems to bring home almost every day. I have helped her when I can and Mom has pitched in when asked; however, it seems that she either has homework in every class or a test to study for on almost every night of the week. This week she also has three volleyball matches, one junior high football game at which to cheer, a varsity game which she has to sell programs and then on Saturday morning a car wash. It is part time to find her some "high powered" vitamins!

ELBA TIGERS DROP SEASON OPENER TO BRANTLEY

The Elba Tigers knew that this season's opener against Brantley was going to be a real battle ever since they upset the Bulldogs 13-0 a year ago in Elba. As the game drew near, the Tigers began to realize that Brantley might have more than just a home field advantage as four Elba linemen went down with injuries or illness and a couple of other players that had been counted on to play major roles decided to leave the team. The Tigers showed up for Friday night's game fight with a cup pistol, and while they did fire all the cups and fought until the final horn, Brantley simply had far too many weapons as they sent Elba home after applying a 33-7 whipping to the out-manned Tigers.

The Elba offense was slowed by the loss of four starters in the line, but still managed to gain an average of over three yards a carry on forty-seven running plays, and rolled up over two hundred yards of total offense against a very good Brantley defense. The Tigers misfired a couple of times when they got in scoring position and their failure to punch the ball across the goal line allowed Brantley to build a big lead. It will hard to beat anybody on Elba's schedule scoring only seven points, but Friday night the Tigers clawed and scratched for all four quarters and did show signs that in weeks to come this bunch will put some points on the scoreboard.

The Elba defense was also short-handed in several key positions and simply didn't have the weapons to slow down the Bulldogs on every possession. Brantley averaged almost ten yards a carry and had over four hundred yards of total offense, but scored its final touchdown after Elba had cleared the sidelines and did have to fight against the gutsy Tiger defenders. Elba did miss a lot of tackles and got hurt by a number of big plays. However, the defense played hard and like the offense fought until the final horn to win the game.

This bunch of Tigers have been picked by most to win anywhere from none to three games, and an opening week 33-7 loss to 1A Brantley will do little to change a lot of minds. However, there is something about this team and its players that makes me believe that they will mold themselves into a good high school football team before very long, and I can't help but believe that when the Tigers get all their players back they will have a few surprises up their sleeves. Believe in yourselves, better days are ahead and there is a lot of fun left to come!

AREA TEAMS WIN TWO OF THREE GAMES IN WEEK #1

The opening of the high school football season was a good one for many area teams, and here in the local area the only team that lost did so to another area foe. Here is a quick look back at the week that was....

*** NEW BROCKTON hosted Zion Chapel and scored early and often in rolling to a lopsided 49-12 win over the Rebels. The Gamecocks scored twenty-eight points in the first quarter to take command, and rode the running of senior Tyler Simmons as the Gamecock veteran rushed for over 200 yards and scored four touchdowns in only one half of play. Simmons has been on the varsity since the seventh grade, and now that he is finally the oldest player on the field, maybe he will get the chance to show just what a special athlete he really is. New Brockton has a tough region schedule and with only twenty-one varsity players will have their hands full almost every Friday night, but did get the chance to party in week number one.

*** ZION CHAPEL was hoping to give new coach Harry Lees a night to remember against county rival New Brockton, but the night turned into a nightmare very quickly as the Rebels fell behind 28-0 after one quarter and dropped their opener 49-12. The Rebels went back to square one after Coach Lees was hired and have had to learn a lot of new looks on both sides of the football. Their youth and inexperience showed Friday night, but the Rebels did play hard until the final horn and scored two touchdowns on sheer desire and pride. Rome wasn't built in a day and the Zion Chapel Rebels won't get back to the top in 1A football anytime soon. However, they did get back up after they tripped early in the game and that was a good first step.

*** BRANTLEY showed everyone just why the Bulldogs are picked by many to be a true 1A contender last week by posting a big 33-7 win over 3A Elba. The Bulldogs slowed themselves down at times with three fumbles, but still managed to roll over four hundred yards in total offense and proved that have much more than just one offensive weapon. The Bulldogs have a few areas that will need to develop as the season progresses and have some young players that will have to step up and be counted. However, Brantley does have a very talented 1A high school football team and should be near the top of the polls all season long.

*** KINSTON had the week off after playing in a preseason jamboree and used it to get in some extra ours of work on fundamentals before having to put in a game plan for this week's opponent. It took the Bulldogs years to develop a football mentality, but Kinston now believes that it can win if it plays well, and that is very important. The 'Dogs may make some first game mistakes and be a week behind the other teams in the area. However, there is no doubt

they will be ready to play when they tee it up this Friday night.

OPENING WEEK NOT EXACTLY FILLED WITH SURPRISES

The opening week of the high school football season is many times filled with surprises and upsets, and while there were a few upsets around the area, it was really a rather calm opening week of action. Here are a few notes....

*** Northview began the "Leavy Boutwell" era at home against Carver of Montgomery, and unfortunately the beginning of the newest era for the Cougars looked an awful lot like past history as Carver hammered the Cougars 38-0. Northview managed only two first downs and less than thirty yards in total offense in the loss, and while there is no doubt the Cougars will improve each and every week, after last week's performance there are doubts as to whether or not they can snap the team's two-year losing streak.

*** Charles Henderson did get to play in the newly renovated Movie Gallery Stadium last week against Andalusia after all and celebrated by pounding the Bulldogs 42-0. The site for the game was changed after some insurance problems were worked out, and it looks like maybe Andalusia should have taken out some insurance for catastrophes, because Friday night it was a disaster for the folks from Covington County.

*** Daleville struggled at times before posting a 23-13 win over 2A Goshen. The Warhawks had to regroup and rededicate themselves after Coach John Moten was suspended and the team was barred from the playoffs, and it looks like veteran coach Harry Wayne Parrish and the original Daleville staff and players worked past the problems and helped get the season off to a winning start. It will still be interesting to see what happens when things aren't going quite so good.

*** Eufaula was picked by some of the state's sports writers to be a 5A contender this season and the Tigers showed just why last week by defeating the highly-touted Pike County Bulldogs 13-7. Eufaula trailed early and had its hand full for all four quarters; however, the Tigers battled until the final horn and should be a team to watch now that they know just how good they can be. For Pike County, the pressure is off and the Bulldogs will be more relaxed and even more dangerous than ever.

*** Enterprise got wiped out by Hoover 31-0 in a preseason game and then struggled to get past Carroll, of Ozark, 21-12 in last week's opener, and a lot of Wildcat fans are wondering if the 'Cats may just have a long season ahead. The Wildcats are very young in many key positions and it will take a while for them to jell, but Enterprise does have a rugged schedule and the season will be one test after another.

*** Opp welcomed home one of its most famous alumni in Mike Dubose and then went out and handed the former Bobcat star a solid 24-6 whipping in his debut as the coach of the Luverne Tigers. The Bobcats have a solid 4A team and will be a team to watch as the season rolls along, while Luverne appears to be running a little low on athletes and may have several fights on its hand, even in the 2A ranks.

*** Former Clarke County coach Duane Davis was hired at Gulf Shores to turn the school's football program around, but after losing the season opener to St. James 62-26 it looks like the veteran coach better enjoy the beach if he plans on having much fun with the Dolphins. Gulf Shores has won only once in the history of the program, and even a veteran coach like Coach Davis may need lots of time to make things better.

*** The biggest upset of the week was G.W. Long's 21-0 win over Dale County. Dale County had been a 4A power for many years and was expected to roll over the 2A Rebels, but the men from Skipperville made it a "long" night for the Warriors and at the same time let everyone know G.W. Long is alive and well after a down season.

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

*** I turned to a friend watching the Alabama-South Florida game just minutes before the half and told him that the Tide was lucky it wasn't behind 28-0. Just a few seconds later Bama scored and the Tide never went out again as Alabama rolled to a 40-17 win over the Bulls from Tampa Bay. For almost two quarters Alabama looked down right awful on both offense and defense, but once the Tide started rolling it was a non-stop assault and the Mike Shula era began with a big win. While the final score looked good, there are very few Tide fans that are making any rash predictions about a banner season, and even fewer that are even whispering anything about an upset against Oklahoma this week. No matter the outcome this week, I am still convinced Mike Shula was the right choice for the job at Bama and will do a good job if left alone.

*** An ESPN sportscaster caused quite a stir last week when he stated Auburn was the most over-rated college football team in the nation. Maybe the folks up on the Plains would have been better off if they had listened to the prediction instead of reading all the other preseason publications, because they simply got whipped for all four quarters in last week's 23-0 defeat to USC. It looked like the Auburn players and coaches were waiting for the national championship team to emerge at any moment, and when it didn't happen, no one knew what to do. One win doesn't make a season and one loss doesn't break a season. However, Auburn is a good college team, at best, and needs to realize very quickly that games aren't won in the newspapers or in chat rooms. Oh yea, maybe Coach Tuberville could actually help a little and do some coaching instead of just watching from the sidelines and talking to the news

Elba joins county teams in Kinston volleyball tourney

The Kinston Volleyball Set-Off Tournament will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, at the Kinston High School gym, with eight teams competing, including all five Coffee County teams.

The Kinston gym will be divided into two courts for the tournament and will feature both pool play and single-elimination events. In pool play each team will play three matches, while in the single-elimination games there will be semifinal and final action.

Following is a schedule of the "Pool Play" action on both courts:

**SUPPORT THE ELBA TIGERS
FRIDAY NIGHT
ELBA VS. CENTRAL
7:30 KICKOFF
TIGER STADIUM
"Your support does make a difference!"**

media.

*** Maybe now that Troy State is in a conference it will play more teams its own size and one day have a winning record again in football. I understand that it takes money to pay for the lavish surroundings now constructed at Troy State and know that means every now and then it may mean a butt whipping or two to make a million. However, wins will fill the stands quicker than lopsided losses to major college powers, and I can't help but believe that last week's 41-5 loss to Kansas State didn't sell a single ticket.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR OFF TO A FAST START

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator hit on 21 of 25 picks last week to open the season and had a little pep in his step over the weekend when he stopped by to drop off this week's predictions. The local guesspert was fooled by Arton, G.W. Long, Carver and Houston County, but did hit on Eufaula's big win over Pike County and Opp's win over Luverne. This week there are a number of toss-ups as region play begins, and we will get to find out if last week was a preview of things to come or just beginning luck. Here goes....

ELBA VS. CENTRAL, HAYNEVILLE

The Pea River feltnes lost more than a little fur last week during their visit to the dog pound up in Brantley and don't have any time to lick their wounds since region play opens this week and those Country 'Cats from Hayneville will be coming to town looking for payback. Being in Tiger Stadium will be worth a few extra points in this must win battle.

ELBA 27 CENTRAL, HAYNEVILLE 16

NEW BROCKTON VS. RED LEVEL

The Gamecocks stayed up all night crowing after last week's easy win over the Rebels from up the road, but this week had better sharpen their talons if they hope to claw out a win against the talented Tigers from the woods of Covington County. Last year these same Tigers barely broke a sweat in piling up the points in a big win over Gamecocks. This year that fur coat may prove a little too hot and heavy, and that may add up to a Gamecock upset.

NEW BROCKTON 20 RED LEVEL 19

ZION CHAPEL VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Rebels got lost on maneuvers last week and then got ambushed down in New Brockton after showing up at a cock fight, while the Eagles got skinned on their own home field in a big loss to a bunch of hungry Tigers from Straightn. The Rebels will be at home this week and will have a few days to set their trap, but the guess here is that those Eagles may be able to fly above the bullets and make it home with a win.

PLEASANT HOME 33 ZION CHAPEL 20

KINSTON VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Bulldogs from down near the county line were kept caged up last week and had to watch as the other teams in the area knocked heads in their season openers. This Friday night the 'Dogs will get turned loose on a hunt near the Georgia line, and the only problem is that they will be hunting Lions. They may tree a few, but when the hunt ends the 'Dogs may be happy just to get back in the truck, uh, the bus.

HOUSTON COUNTY 26 KINSTON 10

BRANTLEY VS. COTTONWOOD

The Bulldogs from across the river up in Crenshaw County showed everyone that their bite was just as bad as their bark last week in their season opener, while the Bears from over in the Wiregrass went home hungry, sore and sleepy after knocking on the wrong door in week one action. Goldilocks doesn't live in Brantley, either, and this week the Bears may also have to swim the Conecuh River just to escape from the pound.

BRANTLEY 28 COTTONWOOD 14

OTHER PICKS:

Arton 34 Florala 26
Southern Choctaw 20 Excel 0
Wicksburg 21 Geneva County 7
Highland Home 27 Luverne 8
Slocumb 21 Houston Academy 17
G.W. Long 21 Samson 0
Goshen 18 Keith 16
Clarke County 36 Calhoun 6
T.R. Miller 24 Straughn 14
Pike County 32 W.S. Neal 15
Andalusia 34 Gulf Shores 17
Ashford 28 Bullock County 0
Geneva 14 Dale County 12
Daleville 16 Opp 14
Rehobeth 35 Headland 7
UMS-Wright 40 Monroe County 12
Greenville 20 Carroll 19
Charles Henderson 34 Escambia County 10
Eufaula 28 Russell County 7
Auburn 17 Northview 10
Prattville 38 Central, Tusc. 7
Enterprise 31 Dothan 7



HOLE IN ONE...Elba's Nell Grantham experienced the thrill of all golfers dream of on Sunday, August 9, when he made a hole in one on number five at the Elba Country Club. Grantham was playing in a three-person scramble at the Elba course and made the ace from the back tees when he hit a two-wood that hit just short of the green, bounced up on the green and rolled into the hole. The hole in one was witnessed by his playing partners Kenneth Grantham (his father), John Stephens (his uncle), Terry Hudson, Dennis Pope, Kenneth Nolin and numerous other golfers that were on the tee. Cook Chevrolet had offered a new truck to anyone making a hole in one on the hole the day before, but Grantham was more than satisfied with the golf rarity, even if it was a day too late to win the truck.

THE ELBA CLIPPER • THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2003

SPORTS



ELBA MARCHING TIGER MAJORETTES... (l-r) Stephanie Corder and Kayla Kelley perform a baton routine during halftime ceremonies Friday night in Brantley. The Marching Tigers wowed the large crowd with its outstanding performance.



Elba's Trey Davis (44) drags down Brantley quarterback Channing Spivey (15) after a big gain in the Bulldogs' 33-7 season opening win over the Tigers.

Brantley Bulldogs tame Tigers 33-7 in opener

By Greg Branson
Photos by Janet Branson and Mike Cupps

The Elba Tigers journeyed across the Crenshaw County line Friday night to kick off the 2003 football season against the highly-touted Brantley Bulldogs and found out first hand just why the Bulldogs are picked as one of the state's top teams as Brantley rolled over the Tigers 33-7.

Brantley took the opening kick off and quickly marched 71 yards in only five plays to get on the scoreboard. The touchdown came when Devaris Skanes went seven yards around the left end on a toss sweep, and Cedric Jones booted the extra-point to give Brantley a 7-0 lead with 10:05 remaining in the first quarter.

Elba managed to move the chains only once on its first offensive possession of the night and was forced to punt, but the Tigers got the ball right back only two plays later when Marchello Reed pounced on a Brantley bobble at the Elba 34-yardline.

Brantley put the ball in play at the Elba 38-yardline early in the second quarter following a short Tiger punt and marched into the endzone to add to its lead. A 22-yard scamper by Devaris Skanes quickly moved the Bulldogs to the Elba 16, and even though a penalty backed the 'Dogs up to the 21, it did little to slow the scoring march. A pass from Channing Spivey to Marcel Stamps in the flats turned into a 20-yard gain as Stamps pulled away from a number of Elba defenders and bulled his way to within inches of the goal line, and on the next snap Jamyal Jones went in for the score. The extra-point try failed, but with 9:59 remaining in the second quarter Brantley's lead was up to 13-0.

Elba's Joseph Platt halted a Bulldog threat later in the half when he recovered a Brantley fumble at the Elba 40-yardline, but the Tiger offense again failed to mount a drive against the hard hitting Brantley defense and turned the ball back over to Brantley near mid-field after an unsuccessful faked punt attempt.

Brantley headed back toward the Elba endzone and reached the Tigers' 17-yardline, only to see the clock reach :00 with the Bulldogs still on top 13-0 when a Channing Spivey pass tipped off the hands of Marcel Stamps in the endzone.

At halftime it was obvious the members of the two bands had also been hard at work during the off-season as the Marching Tigers of Elba High and the Emerald Wave of Brantley High School both treated the large crowd to excellent performances.

Elba received the second half kick off and behind the hard running of Kimmy Hill quickly raced down the field. Hill got the ball six times on the drive and gained 49 yards as the Tigers reached a fourth down and goal at the Brantley 6-yardline. However, on the key fourth down play Brantley's Devaris Skanes made a touchdown saving tackle after a short pass completion from Brandon Kelley to Hill, and Elba was turned away without putting any points on its side of the scoreboard.

Brantley began its ensuing possession at its own 3-yardline and marched 97 yards in 12 plays to take command of the contest. A key play in the long scoring march was a 27-yard dash by Channing Spivey, while Devaris Skanes went up the middle for the final two yards and the touchdown, while Cedric Jones tacked on the extra-point and with 8:39 left in the game Brantley was in complete control with 20-0.

The Elba offense continued to move the chains on its next possession and moved across midfield on a beautiful 32-yard pass completion from Brandon Kelley to Kirby Gray. A penalty for an illegal block on the following play backed the Tigers up, however, and Elba failed to overcome the penalty as the drive stalled.

The Tigers got the ball back at the Brantley 27-yardline following another Bulldog bobble, but two penalties and two incomplete passes ended the scoring threat, with Brantley regaining possession on downs at its own 35-yardline.

The Bulldogs needed only four plays to cover the 65 yards to pay-dirt, as Channing Spivey ate up a large chunk of real estate with a 36-yard scamper and Devaris Skanes scored his third touchdown of the game on a 24-yard dash off right tackle. Cedric Jones booted the extra-point and with 8:39 left in the game Brantley was in complete control with a 27-0 advantage.

Elba headed back toward the Brantley goal line on its ensuing possession behind the running of Kimmy Hill, only to be turned back once again, this time on a pass interception at the Brantley 25-yardline by the Bulldogs' Lacarno Billups.

Two plays later Brantley's Chris Booker took a hand off, broke through the middle of the Elba defense and then reached the sidelines as he raced 75 yards for a touchdown. The Bulldogs took a knee on the two-point try, and with 3:29 remaining Brantley's lead was up to 33-0.

The Tigers were determined to get on the scoreboard and did just that on their ensuing possession as Elba marched 51 yards in eight plays. Brandon Kelley had a 14-yard gain and Marchello Red rambled for 12 yards on a reverse to spark the scoring drive, while Brandon Kelley connected with Brandon Wilson on an 11-yard scoring strike for the Tiger touchdown. Kirby Gray booted the extra-point to make the score Brantley 33 Elba 7 with only 14 ticks left on the clock.

The Brantley ground game was led by Devaris Skanes with 161 yards on 18 carries, while Chris Booker added 77 yards on 3 carries and Channing Spivey added 73 yards on 6 carries.

Kimmy Hill was the workhorse for the Elba offense as he gained 119 yards on 26 carries.



Elba Tiger defender Kirby Gray (3) goes up high to break up a pass intended for Brantley's Lacarno Billups (4) during action last week in the opening week of high school football.



Brantley's Devaris Skanes (5) heads outside after getting around the Elba defense. Elba's Kaleb Dyess (64) and Jennie Thilpen (80) watch as the Bulldog speedster runs for a big gain.



Elba's Kimmy Hill (20) finds no where to go against the Bulldog defense. Hill, a sophomore, gained 119 yards on 26 carries to lead the Tiger offense.

Tell'em you saw it in...
THE ELBA CLIPPER
"SPORTS"
"#1 source for area sports coverage"

Now Accepting Applications

**1 & 2 Bedroom Apartments
3-Bedroom Townhouses**
Units available for elderly, handicapped & disabled

Included FREE!
Water, sewage, garbage pick-up and pest control

**On-site laundry facilities
& playground for children**

**Office open Mon-Fri
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

BEAVER DAM APARTMENTS
897-3517 • HIGHWAY 84 W. ELBA, AL

Equal Housing Opportunity

The yardstick....		
STATISTICS		
B		E
16	1st Downs	11
38-361	Rushes-Yds.	47-161
49	Passing Yds.	41
410	Total Offense	202
5-8-0	Passes	4-131
5-26	Penalties-Yds.	9-75
3	Fumbles Lost	0
0-00	Punts-Ave.	5-25

SPORTS

Gamecocks blast Rebels 49-12

Plenty to crow about!

Story and photos by Robby Kinsaul

The Gamecocks of New Brockton returned to their winning ways last week in their season opener with a very impressive 49-12 romp past the Zion Chapel Rebels, in the annual renewal of the Gamecocks' oldest and most heated football rivalry.

New Brockton took command early over the out-manned Rebels and never looked back as the Gamecocks jumped out to a 28-0 first quarter lead, led 35-0 at halftime and coasted in with the easy victory.

Offensively for the Gamecocks, Tyler Simmons once again led the way with 203 yards on 11 carries and 4 touchdowns, all coming in the first half of play. Sophomore Justin West had an impressive night with 73 yards on 7 carries and 2 touchdowns, while freshman Emanuel "Junior" Magwood added 69 yards on 9 carries.

Senior running back Macon Hodge had a big night running the football for the Rebels as he gained 113 yards on 17 carries.

New Brockton took command from the start and so did Tyler Simmons, as the senior running back carried the ball five times on the opening possession of the game and capped off the scoring march with a 9-yard touchdown run around the left end. Brandon Owens was true with the extra-point and with 9:39 remaining in the first quarter the Gamecocks were off and running with a quick 7-0 lead.

Zion Chapel received the ensuing kick off, but never even got the chance to run a play from scrimmage as on the return the Rebels fumbled and New Brockton's Derrick Cook pounced on the loose ball at the Rebels' 21-yardline. Two plays later the Gamecocks were back in the endzone, this time on a 4-yard Tyler Simmons scoring dash, and after Brandon Owens tackled on the extra-point the Gamecocks' lead stood at 14-0 with 8:48 still left in the opening stanza.

Zion Chapel managed to move the chains on its next possession before bogging down near midfield, but did manage to back the Gamecocks up as Hayden Osborne boomed a 43-



New Brockton assistant coaches Brad Smith and Bren Finch talk things over with the Gamecocks during a break in the action. The Gamecocks opened the season with a big 49-12 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels, and this week will host Red Level in a key region contest.

yard punt that was downed at the New Brockton 9-yardline. The Gamecocks didn't stay backed up for long; however, as on the first play of the possession Tyler Simmons broke through the middle of the Rebel defense and raced 91 yards for his third touchdown of the quarter. Brandon Owens tackled on the extra-point and with 5:17 remaining in the first quarter New Brockton was in command with a 21-0 lead.

The Rebel offense showed signs of life on its next possession and after a 30-yard run by Macon Hodge had a first down at the New Brockton 36-yardline. The Zion Chapel drive came to an abrupt end when a fumbled snap was recovered by New Brockton's Derrick Cook, and the Gamecocks once again headed downfield to score their fourth touchdown of the first quarter.

The scoring march began at the New Brockton 36-yardline and came to an end when Justin West raced bounced outside and raced 18 yards for a touchdown. Owens hit his fourth extra-point of the stanza and with 3:31 left in quarter number one New Brockton was now in complete command with a 28-0 lead over the stunned Rebels.

The only points of the second quarter came with only two minutes remaining in the half. New Brockton was faced with a fourth down and four at the Zion Chapel 25-yardline and put the ball in the hands of Tyler Simmons, who responded with a 25-yard touchdown dash, his fourth touchdown of the game! Brandon Owens continued his success with extra-points and at intermission the Gamecocks went in with a solid 35-0 advantage.

Zion Chapel received the second half kick and again appeared ready to put together a drive, only to be stopped once again by a fumble as New Brockton's Derrick Cook spotted the loose ball and made his third fumble recovery of the night.

Five plays later Justin West broke a 12-yard run for his second score of the game, and Owens drilled the extra-point through the up-



Zion Chapel defenders get ready during last week's season opening loss to New Brockton. Rebel players include Byron McWaters (2) and a number of defensive linemen.

rights as the Gamecocks' lead ballooned to 42-0 with 3:35 left in the third quarter.

Zion Chapel got on the scoreboard on its next possession, and used a bit of trickery to get into the endzone as on a fourth down play Rebel quarterback Jamie Wise lofted a backwards pass to Joey Jones, who then ignored a gang of would-be Gamecock tacklers and tossed a strike to a wide open Austin Smith. Smith raced 45 yards for the score, and although the extra-point try was blocked by New Brockton's Edwin Fox, the Rebels had their first points of the season and trailed 42-6 with 4:59 left in the game.

The celebration on the Zion Chapel side of the field didn't last for long; however, as New Brockton's Brandon Owens fielded the ensuing kick at the Gamecocks' 20-yardline, broke two tackles near midfield and raced 80 yards for a touchdown. Owens barely had time to catch his breath before adding his seventh extra-point of the night, and with 4:00 remaining the Gamecock lead was up to 49-6.

The Rebel fans didn't stay

STATISTICS			
	NB		ZC
11	1st Downs	5	
29-368	Rushes-Yds.	26-131	
0	Passing Yds.	45	
368	Total Offense	176	
4-40	Penalties-Yds.	7-35	
0/0	Fumbles/Lost	6/3	

Public fishing day set Sept. 20 at Enterprise park

A "Public Fishing Day" will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the lake at the Johnny Henderson Family Park, in Enterprise, from 7:00 AM until 6:00 PM. The cost to fish will be \$5 per person, and there is no limit on what may be caught.

YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

Saturday, Sept. 6
Pleasant Home at Zion Chapel
Kinston at Brantley
New Brockton at Luverne
Elba at Goshen

SPORTS

Elba Tigers look to cage Central Lions as region play gets underway Friday night at Tiger Stadium

The Elba Tigers will return to the friendly confines of Tiger Stadium Friday night and will be hoping that the home field will prove to be an advantage when they battle the Central Lions, in a key Class 3A, Region 1 contest.

The Tigers defeated the Lions 40-12 last season in the first-ever meeting between the two teams in Hayneville, and the Tigers are hoping that history will repeat itself Friday night.

"Central is a solid high school football team that has enough athletes to play with anybody on their schedule if they play well," said Elba's Coach Mike Waters. "They have good size up front and a whole bunch of quality athletes, and they scare you to death when you look at them and think how good they could

be. If Central plays well and we don't it could be a long night in Tiger Stadium."

Central is under the direction of Coach Rico White this season, and in preseason reports the Lions' head man was confident that his team could win this season.

"The first goal is to build the team morale and get the players to believe in themselves," said Coach White. "I think we will be okay. It is going to take a total team effort to make it through the season, but it is great to be back at a familiar place knowing the potential here at the school."

The Lions are expected to be better this season on both offense and defense, and will be led by Kendall Moore (6-1, 180) at quarterback, Patrick Hill (6-2,

220) at linebacker and Kiland Blackmon (6-4, 280) at defensive tackle.

"We don't really know what to expect," admitted Elba's Coach Waters, "but we do know that we have to be solid on both offense and defense and play our best to have a chance. On

defense we will need to be effective both running and passing, and put points on the scoreboard when we get close. We were a little short handed last week and will be again this week, but we can't make excuses, we just have to line up with what we have and play our best. If we play our best on every play we won't have to worry about the outcome. Over on defense we will have to improve on our tackling and not allow the big play. They like to go deep a lot

and they have some real quick backs and receivers. So, we have to be fundamentally sound on defense, be in position to make the play and then go out and make the play. I believe Central will come to Elba Friday night confident that they can win the game, and we have to be ready and need to take charge early. We are not talented enough to look past anyone on our schedule and I assure we are not looking past Central. We will prepare for a tough game and will try to improve in all areas from week one. We need to win badly to regain our confidence and think we will be ready when they show the schedule. I am anxious to see how we respond, and know that we will have to play our best to win."

When asked about last week's 33-7 season opening loss to Brantley, Coach Waters stated "We were all disappointed with the outcome, but know that we played a very good football team and also know that we didn't play well enough to win. We missed scoring a couple of times when we had the chance that could have kept us in the game, and missed some tackles that allowed Brantley to break some big plays. We have worked hard all summer to be the best we can be, and will keep on working hard and hopefully one day soon we will get back some of our injured players and will be able to line up and go straight at some folks. Until then we will work with our younger players and try to get them as much experience as possible. No one likes to lose, but last week we just got beat by a team that was very well prepared and is loaded with skilled athletes. We aren't about to throw in the towel just because we lost our first game. We know our players and know what they can do, we just have to keep a positive attitude and keep working."

All four area teams prepare for battle as region play begins Friday night

The high school football season swings into week #2 Friday night, and for teams in the area and all across the state the second week of action brings with it the beginning of region play.

Following is a preview of this week's region openers:

(1-0) Red Level at (1-0) New Brockton

The New Brockton Gamecocks will be looking to get a leg up in the region standings Friday night when they host the Red Level Tigers. The Gamecocks made it look easy last week in a 49-12 win over Zion Chapel, and saw senior running back Tyler Simmons gain over 200 yards and score 4 touchdowns in only two quarters of play. The New Brockton defense did allow two long scoring plays late in the game, but played hard noised defense for most of the contest and dominated up front throughout the game. Red Level opened the season with a 24-6 win over Florida, and the Tigers are looking to make a return to the state playoffs and hope to challenge for a region crown. The Tigers have size and speed on both sides of the ball, and should provide the Gamecocks with a true test.

(0-0) Kinston at (1-0) Houston County

The Kinston Bulldogs will hit the field for the first time Friday night when they travel to Columbia to battle the Houston County Lions. The Bulldogs were hit hard by graduation last year and will field a young team this season. However, the Bulldogs no longer have doubts about their ability to win on the gridiron and should be headed for another winning season. Houston County surprised 4A Headland last week to open the season with a win, and the Lions will no doubt be looking to feed on the youthful Bulldogs when they hit the field Friday night. Kinston stunned the Lions last season in

week #2, but Friday night will have their hands full when they head into the Lions' den.

(0-1) Pleasant Home at (0-1) Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to work the kinks out and improve in all areas this week when they host the Pleasant Home Eagles. The Rebels fell behind early and never recovered last week in dropping their season opener 49-12 to New Brockton, but did have a few bright spots as Macon Hodge rushed for over 100 yards and Austin Smith scored two touchdowns, including one on an 85-yard kickoff return. Pleasant Home also had a tough time and dropped a 41-21 decision to 3A power Straughn. However, the Eagles did look better than many thought they would, and may be much better than predicted. This game will feature two teams hungry for a win and anxious to look better after week one woes, and should be a good one for the fans.

(0-1) Cottonwood at (1-0) Brantley

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to improve to 2-0 and get their first region win of the young season Friday night when they host the Cottonwood Bears. The Bulldogs opened the season with a bang last week as they rolled to a 33-7 win over 3A Elba, and displayed many of their weapons as running back Devaris Skanes gained over 150 yards, Channing Spivey had a big night both running and passing, and Marcel Stamps proved that he is indeed one of the state's top receivers. Cottonwood dropped its opener to 4A Rehobeth 32-14, but showed signs of brilliance on offense and proved that it could still score from anywhere on the field at any time. Brantley's speed advantage may be negated by the speedy Bears, and this region tussle could be a good one.

Chili cookoff and fun run set at Ft. Rucker

Entries for the annual Chili 5K and Cookoff here are now being accepted. Runners and chili chefs can get detailed information online and register, too.

Details on both events and secure on-line registration are at a special web site, <www.chili5k.com>.

The event is a fund-raiser for the local chapter of the Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA). Admission is free and open to the public.

Runners who register early pay just \$13 and are assured of a colorful Chili 5K T-shirt on race day. Registration the day of the races is \$15.

Chili-cooking teams can register for a \$15 donation, and serious competitors will want to sign up early because spaces are limited.

This year's event is the 12th annual, and organizers have already begun preparations to make it the biggest and best yet. Here's a quick summary of the events, all at Howze Field.

On Saturday, Nov. 1 chili teams start their recipes early in the morning. Each team of not more than five members prepares at least 8 gallons of their pride and joy. The 5K race begins at 10 a.m., conducted by the Dothan Runners Club. Also at 10, the chili is served to the public at 50 cents per 4-oz. steaming cup. All along Chili Avenue, the chili-cooking teams go into their acts to attract customers and votes, based on popular demand. At the same time, a program of family-oriented entertainment begins. The Fun Run begins at 11 a.m.

Let's Go...

Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Don't let mosquitoes ruin your outing

Mosquitoes have probably ruined just as many camping trips and cookouts as thunderstorms have. While we have our share of mosquitoes, we can't begin to compete with the insect invasion some outdoorsmen have suffered in Alaska. A couple of friends who went on a caribou hunt told me about swarms so bad that they began to worry about keeping their sanity because of the hordes of insect that descended on them while cooking and crawling into their tent. If you have ever camped and night fished in the lowlands of Alabama, you have probably had your own experiences with thirsty mosquitoes. But you don't have to be in the swamp to be plagued by these pesky dive-bombers.

While it is impossible to totally prevent mosquito bites there are some precautions that will greatly reduce their bites. We have all used commercial repellents that contain DEET. Mosquitoes hone in on humans because of the carbon dioxide that we give off. DEET doesn't actually repel mosquitoes as such but masks the carbon dioxide odor we give off making it harder for them to locate us.

Insect repellents containing DEET present few problems for most people when used as directed, but some experience skin irritation after using it. To avoid reactions from various insect repellents, apply sparingly. Care should be taken not to put clothes on over areas where DEET has been applied. Apply it to the outer layer of clothing instead. When I have to use a repellent I wash it off at the first opportunity when I am out of the reach of mosquitoes. If you have a reaction to repellents containing DEET, try a brand with a lower concentration. Repellent may be necessary when fishing and doing camp chores, but you don't need it in a tent with insect screening. Remember to always zip the mesh door to a tent immediately when entering or exiting or you may end up with a tent full of picnicking mosquitoes that night.

Long pants and a loose fitting, tightly woven shirt is one of the best combinations for warding off mosquitoes. The "tightly woven" part is the most important. If you can't find something tightly woven, add an undershirt beneath a long sleeve shirt. Mosquitoes have a hard time biting through two layers of cloth. Add a hat or cap that has a draple like the old French Legionnaire's cap. A handkerchief taped or pinned to a cap works just as well.

If mosquitoes are really bad, consider purchasing a mosquito head net and wear it over a wide brimmed hat. Add a pair of light colored gloves and sit where at least some of the campfire smoke is coming your way and you will be pretty well shielded.

But be prepared for some knee slapping laughter from your buddies when you pull out your "veil" and white gloves. They'll have the most laughs, but they'll have the most bites too.

Been fishing? Bring that catch by and let us share your skills!

DON'T BE FOOLED!

The Montgomery Politicians are trying to hide the record-breaking \$1,200,000,000

tax increase on the ballot. Don't be fooled. The official wording on the ballot is below:

AMENDMENT ONE

"Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, establishing the Alabama Excellence Initiative Fund which may be used to fund programs including, but not limited to, the furtherance of excellence in public education, college scholarships, health care benefits for senior citizens and job training programs to attract new high paying jobs and otherwise provide for distributing state tax revenues; to adjust income and property taxes; to establish the General Fund Rainy Day Account; to provide for the replenishment of the General Fund Rainy Day Account and the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account."

YES () NO (X)

VOTE "NO" SEPT. 9!

GO TO

http://www.rileyrate.com

Find out what your new Riley Rate will be.

Paid for by the Tax Accountability Coalition • P.O. Box 242553 • Montgomery, AL 36124

GAMECOCKS ARE ON THE LOOSE!!!!



It's Time For A Checking Account "Check-Up"

How long has it been since you reviewed the features of your checking account? What changes have occurred since you used to? Keeping a higher or lower average balance? These are some of the questions to consider for a Checking Account "Check-Up." Here, your satisfaction is our number one priority.

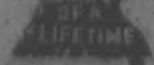
We want to make sure you are happy with your banking services and let you know of alternative services that may suit your needs better than your existing account. If you've been paying high monthly service charges, you may find a reduction in these charges by switching to a different checking account. Like a checking account from us... check into it!

429 N. Claxton Ave.
P.O. Box 680
Elba, AL 36323
(334) 897-2252



All the bank you'll ever need

108 W. McKinnon St.
P.O. Box 208
New Brockton, AL 36351
(334) 894-6293



Bank of America

SUPPORT HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS ...REMEMBER, EMPTY SEATS DON'T PAY THE BILLS!!

THE FOUR WAY TEST

of the things we Think, Say or Do

- First - Is it the TRUTH?
- Second - Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- Third - Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- Fourth - Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Compliments of
ELBA ROTARY CLUB



CLASSIFIEDS

The Elba Clipper

417 W. Buford St. • P.O. Box A
Elba, AL 36323-0257

TO PLACE AN AD

CALL 334-897-2823
FAX 334-897-3434
TOLL-FREE
1-888-216-8050
e-mail clipper@alaweb.com

DEADLINE

The deadline for placing a classified or other advertisement is noon on Tuesday of the week in which the ad is to appear.

ERRORS

We reserve the right to edit or refuse any ad at any time. We strive to prevent errors in your ad, but any corrections necessary must be made immediately after first publication to insure proper credit.

PAYMENT

is by cash, check, credit card or 30-day charge with approved credit.

AMERICAN EXPRESS

VISA

MasterCard

COST

Only **\$3.00*** per week (first 15 words)
* Additional words 17c each

Prepaid personal ads get fourth week FREE! Bordered classifieds cost \$5.00 per column inch.

FOR SALE

BALDWIN ACROSONIC PIANO. Call 897-6744 or 301-125 or (850) 236-8645.

DISCOVER WATERLESS COOKWARE. We Stopped Doing Dinner Parties! Have Some beautiful 17 Pc. 7-Ply Surgical Stainless Steel Sets Left! Lifetime Warranty! Were \$2000! Now \$695! First 7 Callers Buy Set For \$368! Vaposeal call 1-800-434-4628, 9-4-11p

MISCELLANEOUS

\$499 POOLS \$499 Complete brand new 19x31 pool w/huge deck, safety fence, liner, ladder, filtration system, and cover. 100% financing. No payments til 2004. Call now!! 1-866-940-5467.

******ANNOUNCEMENT****** HIRING for 2003 postal positions. Federal hire. \$39.00/hr. Full benefits/paid training and vacations. No exp. necessary. 1-877-329-5268, ext. 501. (R)

DO YOU have diabetes? Tired of out of pocket expenses? We can help! Free monitor! Free syringe program! Free delivery! Reasonable health care options. 1-800-261-1454.

FOLDING ELECTRIC wheelchair. Lightweight, easy to carry in car. If you have Medicare & qualify, there may be no cost to you. Leave message. 1-888-522-4537.

FREE 3-ROOM DirectTV system including installation! Subscribe to "NFL Sunday Ticket" get 4 months free programming. Access 225+ TV channels. Digital quality picture/sound. Limited offer. 1-800-474-5406.

****GOVERNMENT AND** postal jobs** Public announcement. Now hiring up to \$47,578. Full/part positions. Benefits and training for applications and info. 1-800-573-8555. Dept. P325. 8 a.m.-11 p.m. 7/7 days. (R)

GOVERNMENT JOBS! Wildlife/postal. \$13.21 to \$48.00 per hour. Paid training. Full benefits. No experience necessary. Application & exam information. Call 1-888-778-4266, ext. 650. (R)

WANTED 10 homes needing siding or windows. Save hundreds of dollars. All credit accepted. Payments \$49/mo. Palmgar is opening a local branch and will use these homes to advertise and show their quality work. 1-866-940-5467.

WOLFF TANNING beds. Affordable, convenient. Tan at home. Payments from \$25/month. Free color catalog. Call today 1-800-711-0158. (R)

Get a **DIRECTV** System now
In 1, 2, or 3 Rooms For **FREE**

Includes standard installation & FREE delivery
800-352-9992
www.DTVsatellite.com
Authorized dealer

Other conditions may apply. See retailer for details. DIRECTV and Optima Design are registered trademarks of DIRECTV, Inc.

SERVICES

RANDY'S SMALL MOTORS
Parts, Sales & Service
331 Court Street
897-5168

DUMP TRUCK BACKHOE & Tractor Service - Top Soil & Fill Dirt Call (334) 897-1685 or (334)494-2388. James Messick 5-29-tfc

SAND BLASTING & PAINTING. No Job Too Small. Jonas Messick. 334-494-2388 or 334 897-1685 or call Jason Smith 334-897-0871.

ELBA INSULATION CO. Residential or commercial. Batts or blown-in. Fiberglass insulation. Call Earl Yates. 897-3630. 4-11-tfc

BAKER'S TREE SERVICE AND STUMP REMOVAL. 23 years of Experience. FREE ESTIMATES. Call 897-2271 after 6:00 p.m. 10-29-tfc

NEED TO advertise statewide? ALA-SCAN can place your 25-word ad in 115 newspapers across Alabama for only \$195 (additional words \$7.50 each). Call this newspaper (a participating ALA-SCAN member) to find out how easy it is to advertise statewide! Or visit us online at www.ala-scan.com. (R)

LAND FOR SALE
HOME SITES FOR SALE. FLACK-HANEY FOREST PRODUCTS. 897-2928. 4-25-tfc

***LOWNDES COUNTY 800** acres, great hunting, good mix of pine and hardwood timber, creek - \$1950/acre. Speaks Land Co. 1-334-826-8080. www.speaksland.com

SCHOOLS/TRAINING
SCHOOLS - HIGH school drop out? Pass 5 tests, receive diploma at home. Fast, inexpensive and convenient. Accredited. 1-912-322-3534.

MOBILE HOMES
1993 CHANDELEUR 16X72 MH FOR SALE. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath. Large Livingroom & Kitchen. Large Front Porch & Shed Included. New Cooling Unit W/5 Year Warranty. \$12,000.00 OBO. Contact Susan or Mark @ 334/897-8999 (leave message). 8-14-4tp

ABSOLUTE AUCTION - 2nd & 4th Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. Fort Payne, AL. 1000+ lots to be offered of new general merchandise. 1-256-845-8801. (R)

ABSOLUTE AUCTION - Friday, September 5th, 11 a.m. Decatur, Alabama. 38 separate townhomes, development lots, all utilities on site. AmeriSouth Auction, Inc. 1-256-533-7525. Chuck Crump #AAL 1539. (R)

AUCTION - SAT. Sept. 6th 10 a.m. Rawls Warehouse, 201 North Main Street, Enterprise, AL. Hardware, building materials and equipment. Call for brochure. 1-205-652-6776. Joe Fant Auctioneer 1349.

CARS & TRUCKS
\$500 CARS & trucks! Police impounds: Fords, Toyotas, Chevys from \$500. Gov't Surplus! 1-800-941-8777, ext. C4498. (R)

"O" DOWN W/Land. Call Pattie at ADVANTAGE HOME CENTER. 1-866-598-1553. 7-31-tfc

PROPERTY FOR SALE
MOUNTAIN'S BEST buy! 3.5 secluded acre tract. Wooded, streams, spectacular view of Smokies. High altitude. Paved road. Bryson City. From \$39,500. Terms. Owner financing. 1-800-810-1590. www.arthurwilliams.net. (R)

HEALTH & FITNESS
GET PAID to shop. Secret shoppers needed. Pose as customers & get paid. Local stores, restaurants & theaters. Flexible hours. Email required. 1-877-366-4441, ext. 6052.

IDEAL GIFTS by Friendly has openings for party plan advisors. Call about our new manager program. Decor, gifts, toys, cash, trips, recognition. 1-800-488-4875. www.friendlyhome.com. (R)

HEALTH BENEFITS
Hospitalization • Doctor visits
Prescription Drugs • Dental
Vision • Hearing • Chiropractic Services
No Minimum, No Maximum
Pre-Existing Conditions Covered
No claim forms or referrals needed
FULL FAMILY COVERAGE FOR ONLY
\$30.00 PER MONTH
1-888-768-LIFE, EXT. 9
LIFE SAVERS
MEMBER: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HELP WANTED

SHORT RUNS - Clean MVR. FT. Dependable. Call 406-0393. Lv. Msp. 9-4-2tp

YOUNG WORLD OF LEARNING want part-time person, must be neat, clean, trustworthy, dependable. Hrs. may vary. 19 or older. H.S. or G.E.D. diploma. Call between 12:00 & 2:00 897-2755. 8-7-tfc

COUPLE ONLY TO HELP out at Chicken Farm. Pick up eggs and other farm labor. Call 897-1371 before 8:30 p.m. 6-12-tfc

CDL TRAINING - Change careers in 15 days. Make over 40,000 a year. Job placement, meals, transportation, lodging. Call for details. 1-877-724-7883. (R)

COMPANY DRIVERS avg. \$50,000 annually. Assigned equip. & driver mgr. yearly salary \$40K. 401K, paid holidays/vacation. Med/dental/life insurance available. Min. requirements 23 years of age, 1 yr. TT exp. Call 1-800-893-7791.

DRIVER - BE home most nights! AL, western GA, and northern FL Positions available. Loads originating in Birmingham, AL. National auto carrier. Alexap Transportation, Inc. Earn \$50,000+. excellent benefits including: health insurance, 401K, rider program, safety bonus & recruitment bonus. Plus much more! Must have 2 years actual experience hauling cars. No exceptions. 23 years of age plus good MVR. CDI-A. No DU's. Call Kathy 1-800-633-2272. (R)

DRIVER - COVENANT Transp. Teams, teams, teams. We need teams for the long haul. Owner operators, experienced drivers, solos, teams and graduate students. Call 1-888-7086. PAY (1-888-667-3729). (R)

DRIVER - O/O avg. 95c cpm. Lease purchase available. Aggressive fuel surcharge. Sign on bonus. Fuel bonus from day one. Call 1-800-569-9289.

DRIVER - START at 34c/mile. Guaranteed home time. Pay on delivery. Dedicated available. Owner operators welcome. USA Truck. 1-800-237-4642.

DRIVERS: GOING strong! CFI now hiring! Company's owner operators' single/team's. Loads with miles available immediately! Ask about spouse-training program! Call 1-800-C-F-I - D-R-I-V-E. www.cfdrive.com. (R)

DRIVERS...HOME weekly, 2500-3000 miles, scheduled loads, load/unload/drop/pick benefits, assigned convention. Also some regional available. 1-800-942-2104 extensions 237, 238, 243. www.totalins.com. EOE. (R)

REPO'S TAKE OVER PAYMENTS - Single & Double-wides Call Pattie at ADVANTAGE HOME CENTER. 1-866-598-1553. 7-31-tfc

TIERED Of hearing no??? Still needing a home??? Clayton Homes of Moody can help. #1 retailer in America. Youngstown, Ohio. 1-205-652-6776. Joe Fant Auctioneer 1349.

"O" DOWN W/Land. Call Pattie at ADVANTAGE HOME CENTER. 1-866-598-1553. 7-31-tfc

DRIVERS NEEDED! Sign on bonus, top industry pay, additional income programs, full benefits package, assigned trucks during orientation to drive home. 6 mos. exp. experience. 1-800-441-4271, ext. B38.

DRIVERS: TEAMS & Western Express = success. Solid miles, reliable home time, competitive pay, benefits package, paid vacation, Class A CDL 22 yrs. old, good MVR. 1-888-216-5627. (R)

GET PAID to shop. Secret shoppers needed. Pose as customers & get paid. Local stores, restaurants & theaters. Flexible hours. Email required. 1-877-366-4441, ext. 6052.

IDEAL GIFTS by Friendly has openings for party plan advisors. Call about our new manager program. Decor, gifts, toys, cash, trips, recognition. 1-800-488-4875. www.friendlyhome.com. (R)

HEALTH BENEFITS
Hospitalization • Doctor visits
Prescription Drugs • Dental
Vision • Hearing • Chiropractic Services
No Minimum, No Maximum
Pre-Existing Conditions Covered
No claim forms or referrals needed
FULL FAMILY COVERAGE FOR ONLY
\$30.00 PER MONTH
1-888-768-LIFE, EXT. 9
LIFE SAVERS
MEMBER: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HELP WANTED

NATIONAL PUBLISHING company looking for sales representative in Alabama. Willing to travel Monday-Friday. Commission position. Company average pays \$720/week. Call 1-800-225-6368, ext. 333.

OWNER OPERATORS up to \$1.50 a mile for tractors and \$1.12 for straight trucks. Sign on bonus. Tri-state expedited. Call 1-888-320-5424. (R)

START YOUR trucking career \$95 down. Financing anyone. State and VA funding approved. Earnings to \$42K. Serious individuals only need apply. For lifetime career 1-877-999-7617. (R)

WANT WEEKENDS off? Get home most weekends and make up to 38c per mile! Newest equipment! 12 mos. OTR required. Heartland Express. 1-800-441-4953. www.heartland-express.com

FINANCIAL SERVICES
SAVE UP to 57% on monthly bills. FREE, non-profit debt help. Be treated with honesty, understanding & respect. CareOne. 1-800-725-9820 (toll-free) www.careonecredit.com. (R)

REDUCED-3BR, 11/2 BATH HOUSE with white vinyl siding, central heat & air, stove, microwave, fireplace, carpet, inground pool with shed, utility room. Lots of storage space. Very nice. Located at 1270 Bypass Street in Elba. Call Gantty (334)388-4100. 6-19-tfc

NEW BRICK HOME - 3 BR - 2 Baths. 100% Financing @ 6% Interest for Qualified Buyers - Call RUSSELL CONSTRUCTION - Mike Russell 334-897-6540. 12-12-tfc

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 BR, 2 Bath, Vinyl Siding, 1 Acre Land. Located Co. Rd. 404, Elba. Call 897-5808. 8-15-tfc

GREAT NEW NEIGHBORHOOD! Just Off Highland Drive. Under Construction Brick Homes. Perfect For Retirement 1200 sf, 3 BR, 2 Baths. Garage. Lovely. 3 BR, 2 Baths - 1617 Sq. Ft. Master Bedroom W/ Garden Tub & Shower. Call For Details. 100% Financing @ 6% Interest For Qualified Buyers. Mike Russell RUSSELL CONSTRUCTION Call 334-877-6540. 12-12-tfc

WWW.GULFSHORES.CONDOS.COM. Beachside vacation condos. All sizes, lowest prices. Clean, comfortable. Full special. Four weeknights. \$160.00. Efficiency unit (2 adults, 2 kids) good thru 10/31. 1-205-554-1524. (R)

PERDIDO CITY, Florida. Gulf front condos at the Perdido Sun. Check out our great rates! 1-800-227-2390/PerdidoSun.com. (R)

WWW.GULFSHORES.CONDOS.COM. Beachside vacation condos. All sizes, lowest prices. Clean, comfortable. Full special. Four weeknights. \$160.00. Efficiency unit (2 adults, 2 kids) good thru 10/31. 1-205-554-1524. (R)

DRIVERS: LOW cost CDL training available. Meals, lodging & transportation provided. Tuition reimbursement. Ask about our exp'd driver \$500 sign-on bonus! OTR, dedicated & regional freight. 1-800-231-5209. (R)

DRIVERS NEEDED! Sign on bonus, top industry pay, additional income programs, full benefits package, assigned trucks during orientation to drive home. 6 mos. exp. experience. 1-800-441-4271, ext. B38.

DRIVERS: TEAMS & Western Express = success. Solid miles, reliable home time, competitive pay, benefits package, paid vacation, Class A CDL 22 yrs. old, good MVR. 1-888-216-5627. (R)

GET PAID to shop. Secret shoppers needed. Pose as customers & get paid. Local stores, restaurants & theaters. Flexible hours. Email required. 1-877-366-4441, ext. 6052.

IDEAL GIFTS by Friendly has openings for party plan advisors. Call about our new manager program. Decor, gifts, toys, cash, trips, recognition. 1-800-488-4875. www.friendlyhome.com. (R)

HEALTH BENEFITS
Hospitalization • Doctor visits
Prescription Drugs • Dental
Vision • Hearing • Chiropractic Services
No Minimum, No Maximum
Pre-Existing Conditions Covered
No claim forms or referrals needed
FULL FAMILY COVERAGE FOR ONLY
\$30.00 PER MONTH
1-888-768-LIFE, EXT. 9
LIFE SAVERS
MEMBER: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HEALTH BENEFITS
Hospitalization • Doctor visits
Prescription Drugs • Dental
Vision • Hearing • Chiropractic Services
No Minimum, No Maximum
Pre-Existing Conditions Covered
No claim forms or referrals needed
FULL FAMILY COVERAGE FOR ONLY
\$30.00 PER MONTH
1-888-768-LIFE, EXT. 9
LIFE SAVERS
MEMBER: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

YARD SALE

MULTI-FAMILY - Lots of Duck Stuff Friday & Saturday, Sept. 5 & 6, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 3641 C.R. 410. Follow signs from Hwy 84/87 bridge. 897-1326. 9-4-tfc

YARD SALE - SATURDAY, SEPT. 6 7:00 A.M. Until. Hwy 87 (at WC Vol Fire Dept.) 7-4-1tp

YARD SALE: SAT. 6th - 7:00 a.m. Until. 1415 Reese Ave. ETOYERS. Buy Some Get Some Free. Carpet, Carpet Tubing, Toys, Fertilizer, Compressor & More. Run or Shine! 9-4-tfc

ANTIQUE
JADEITE, FENTON, Depression Glass, Furniture and much more! 20% OFF RED DOT SALE. Lay-aways. THE DEPOT. ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES. 493-9339. depot@opetals.com - Open Monday - Saturday 9:00 - 5:00. 2-6-tfc

FOR RENT
FOR RENT: 2 BR Mobile Home. For More Information Call 897-5602. 7-24-tfc

FOR RENT - 3 BR 2 Bath, Brick Home with CH&A. 827 Washington Ave. 897-2736. 9-4-tfc

VACATION RENTALS
GULF SHORES/FL Morgan, Dolphin Island, Lake Martin. 18 bedrooms. Fully furnished. Rent from owner. www.shgulf.com. 1-800-205-0465 PIN #4815. (R)

PANAMA CITY Beach. Sandpiper-Beacon Beach Resort. From \$39. 1-2p or arrive Sun/Mon. Free night. Restrictions. Pools, river ride, Jacuzzi, tiki bar. 1-800-488-888. 2-8-tfc

PERDIDO CITY, Florida. Gulf front condos at the Perdido Sun. Check out our great rates! 1-800-227-2390/PerdidoSun.com. (R)

WWW.GULFSHORES.CONDOS.COM. Beachside vacation condos. All sizes, lowest prices. Clean, comfortable. Full special. Four weeknights. \$160.00. Efficiency unit (2 adults, 2 kids) good thru 10/31. 1-205-554-1524. (R)

PERDIDO CITY, Florida. Gulf front condos at the Perdido Sun. Check out our great rates! 1-800-227-2390/PerdidoSun.com. (R)

WWW.GULFSHORES.CONDOS.COM. Beachside vacation condos. All sizes, lowest prices. Clean, comfortable. Full special. Four weeknights. \$160.00. Efficiency unit (2 adults, 2 kids) good thru 10/31. 1-205-554-1524. (R)

DRIVERS: LOW cost CDL training available. Meals, lodging & transportation provided. Tuition reimbursement. Ask about our exp'd driver \$500 sign-on bonus! OTR, dedicated & regional freight. 1-800-231-5209. (R)

DRIVERS NEEDED! Sign on bonus, top industry pay, additional income programs, full benefits package, assigned trucks during orientation to drive home. 6 mos. exp. experience. 1-800-441-4271, ext. B38.

DRIVERS: TEAMS & Western Express = success. Solid miles, reliable home time, competitive pay, benefits package, paid vacation, Class A CDL 22 yrs. old, good MVR. 1-888-216-5627. (R)

GET PAID to shop. Secret shoppers needed. Pose as customers & get paid. Local stores, restaurants & theaters. Flexible hours. Email required. 1-877-366-4441, ext. 6052.

IDEAL GIFTS by Friendly has openings for party plan advisors. Call about our new manager program. Decor, gifts, toys, cash, trips, recognition. 1-800-488-4875. www.friendlyhome.com. (R)

HEALTH BENEFITS
Hospitalization • Doctor visits
Prescription Drugs • Dental
Vision • Hearing • Chiropractic Services
No Minimum, No Maximum
Pre-Existing Conditions Covered
No claim forms or referrals needed
FULL FAMILY COVERAGE FOR ONLY
\$30.00 PER MONTH
1-888-768-LIFE, EXT. 9
LIFE SAVERS
MEMBER: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HEALTH BENEFITS
Hospitalization • Doctor visits
Prescription Drugs • Dental
Vision • Hearing • Chiropractic Services
No Minimum, No Maximum
Pre-Existing Conditions Covered
No claim forms or referrals needed
FULL FAMILY COVERAGE FOR ONLY
\$30.00 PER MONTH
1-888-768-LIFE, EXT. 9
LIFE SAVERS
MEMBER: U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

LEGAL NOTICES

All Elba Clipper legal notices are posted on the internet at <http://www.alabamalegals.com/main> for no extra charge

STATE OF ALABAMA
IN THE MATTER OF
AMBER DENISE POWELL,
a minor child.
TO: RODNEY POWELL,
AND JACKIE DENISE BENN

IN THE JUVENILE COURT
FOR
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA
CASE NO. JU-2000-61.04

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Contempt has been filed against you in the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, and you are required to answer same on or about the 25th day of September, 2003. Done this 8th day of August, 2003.

Is/James M. Counts
Circuit Clerk
8-14-21,28-9-4 chg.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Pamela D. Nelson, an unmarried person in favor of GreenPoint Credit, LLC, dated November 9, 1999, and recorded November 16, 1999, Book 44A, Page 73 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama; said default continuing, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, GreenPoint Credit, LLC, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, at the main entrance to the County Courthouse at Elba, Coffee County, Alabama on September 18, 2003, during the legal hours of sale, the following described real estate situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of the lot known as the Dan Adams Estate (where George Roberts formerly owned) and running thence West and perpendicular with Adkinson Street 95 feet, more or less, to the NW corner of the Wise lot; thence South along the Wise lot line and parallel with Adkinson Street 117.5 feet, more or less, to the Hammond's lot (formerly owned by Brooks and/or Jimmy Andrews); thence East along the Hammond lot line and perpendicular to Adkinson Street 95 feet, more or less, to a point on the line of Adkinson Street (said point also being the Northeast corner of the Hammond's lot); thence North along the West margin of Adkinson Street 117.5 feet, more or less, to the P.O.M. of the Adkinson's. Said parcel is bound on the East by Adkinson Street, North and West by the property of Mack and Edna Wise, and on the South by property of Ronnie Hammonds. AND

ALL OTHER PERSONS CLAIMING ANY PRESENT, FUTURE, CONTINGENT, REMAINDER, REVERSION OR OTHER INTEREST IN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PROPERTY, DEFENDANT.

NOTICE
You will take notice that a Bill to Quiet Title to the above described land has been filed in this Court by James E. Adams claiming to own the same and claiming to have against the above described land a certain undivided interest in the said land, being the fee simple interest therein so claimed, for a period of ten or more consecutive years, and having regularly assessed and paid ad valorem taxes thereon during her ownership. Lat notice be given against said land and against any and all parties claiming any interest in said property and requesting that notice be given to the General Notes of the Defendants to demur, plead or answer thereto within the time required by law, or suffer default judgment to be entered thereon. Given under my hand this 14 day of August, 2003.

James M. Counts
Mickey Counts, Clerk
Coffee County Circuit Court
8/21, 28, 9/4, 11 chg.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE
Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by James Richards, Patricia Richards, husband and wife, and Timmy Richards, unmarried, to Household Finance Corporation of Alabama, on the 1st day of October, 2002, said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in Book 64A at Page 896.

The undersigned Household Finance Corporation of Alabama, as mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Coffee County Courthouse, Elba, Alabama on the 9th day of September, 2003, during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

Kick off the Season in Style

Let Cook make tailgate party experience sweeter with one of these classy vehicles

We take Great Pride in Offering Dependable, High Quality Vehicles to You - Our Customer.



2001 LINCOLN TOWN CAR "SIGNATURE" - extra clean - fully loaded - great value



2002 Z 71 EX CAB LS - local trade - must see



2002 FORD EXPLORER XLT - 4 dr - power windows & locks - tilt & cruise



2002 MERCURY SABLE - PS - PW/locks - tilt - cruise - alum wheels



2001 F150 LARIAT - super cab - running board - trailer tow - sprayed in bedliner



1999 SUBURBAN LS - only 59 K - very clean



2001 F 150 SUPERCREW - Lariat - 4 wd - local trade - one owner



2001 FORD EXPEDITION (EDDIE BAUER) - extra nice - loaded with leather



2001 MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE - leather - low mileage



2000 FORD RANGER XLT - super cab - 4 dr - V6 - auto - cruise - tilt



1999 PONTIAC SUNFIRE SE - AT-4 - sunroof - sharp - must see - great buy



2003 CADILLAC DEVILLE - low miles - must see



2002 CHEVROLET TAHOE LS - local trade - must see



2000 FOCUS SE - pretty color - automatic



1998 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE - Laredo - local trade-in - extra clean



2000 Z71 SPORTSIDE - reg cab - loaded - local trade - great buy



1999 TOYOTA 4 X 4 - loaded - local trade - very clean - one owner



2001 F 250 XL - super duty - long wheel base - V8 - cruise - trailer tow - captain chairs

WITH BIG REBATES ON NEW MODELS, OUR USED INVENTORY IS OVERFLOWING! THESE UNITS ARE PRICED TO SELL . . . COME BY OR CALL TODAY

- 1999 SUBURBAN LS - Like New - White - AT-8
- 2003 CAVALIER - 4 Door - Tan - AT-4 - Great Gas Millage
- 2000 IMPALA LS - Sharp - Low Millage - White - AT-6
- 2003 BUICK CENTURY - Tan - AT-6 - Very Clean - Must See
- 1999 PONTIAC GRAND AM - AT-6 - Sunroof - Loaded
- 2003 TAHOE LT 4 X 4 - only 3700 miles - Loaded

- 2000 DODGE STRATUS - AT-4 - Local Trade
- 1999 DODGE DAKOTA - Reg Cab - AT-6 - Local Trade - Very Clean
- 1999 CHEVROLET LS - Ex Cab - 4 X 2 - Great Buy - AT-8
- 2002 S-10 CHEVROLET BLAZER LS - 4 X 4 - Loaded - Great Buy
- 1998 CHEVROLET MALIBU LS - Leather - Loaded - Local Trade - What a Buy

YOU KNOW THAT A COOK DEAL IS A GOOD DEAL - ALWAYS HAS BEEN - COME SEE US!

**FAIR PRICES • TOP NOTCH SERVICE • QUALITY VEHICLES
NO NEED TO SHOP AROUND . . . COME STRAIGHT TO US!**

COOK CHEVROLET • COOK FORD

897-3130 • 1-888-870-9406 • 897-2297 • 1-800-422-4680 • 610 N. Troy Highway or U. S. 84 West • Elba, Alabama 36323

ARCHIVES/COLLECTION MAN 1-1-2004
624 WASHINGTON AVE
MONTGOMERY AL 36130-0100

the birth
of their son

INSIDE

Michelle Lewis
honored with
bridal shower

INSIDE

Sesquicentennial
Ball held at Elba
Recreation Center

The Elba Clipper

Volume 107, Number 13

50 Cents

Elba, Alabama

Thursday, September 11, 2003

1 Section, 16 Pages Plus 2 Adv. Inserts

Coffee County says NO to Amendment One

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The voters of Coffee County made it clear Tuesday, Sept. 9, that the majority rules as the No vote overwhelmed the Yes vote in regards to Amendment One.

The statewide amendment was described on the ballot as proposing to establish the Alabama Excellence Initiative Fund which may be used to fund programs including, but not limited to, the furtherance of excellence in public education, college scholarships, health care benefits for senior citizens and job training programs to attract new high-paying jobs and other wise provide for distributing state tax revenues; to adjust income and property taxes; to establish the General Fund Rainy Day Account; to provide for the replenishment of the General Fund Rainy Day

Account and the Education Trust Fund Rainy Day Account. Once the final vote count was tabulated Tuesday evening at the Farm Center in New Brockton, the figures showed 11,683 voters had cast their opinion with 3,251 (28 percent) voting in favor and 8,432 (72 percent) voting against.

Of the 34 boxes (including absentee ballots) in Coffee County, the yes vote won the majority in only one precinct. The Mulberry Heights voting precinct in Elba voted in favor of the amendment with 65 yes votes and 51 no votes.

The Elba Recreation Center had

166 votes for yes and 318 votes for no while the National Guard Armory in Elba had 191 votes for yes and 441 votes for no.

The two largest precincts recording votes were the Enterprise YMCA and the Enterprise Recreation Center.

At the YMCA, 532 voters said yes while 1,234 said no. The Recreation Center recorded the largest number of votes cast at 1,922 and 605 were yes with 1,317 in support of no.

Statewide, the final numbers were not known as of press time; however, the results were leaning towards a victory for the no vote with approximately 60 percent of the voters supporting the defeat of the proposed tax package.

Governor Riley is expected to call a special session of the Alabama legislature to deal with the pending financial shortfalls.

Monday night fire disables Coffee Baking Company

Owners quickly begin working towards reopening

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Coffee Baking Company, County Road 376, in the Ino community of southern Coffee County, suffered a disabling fire on Monday evening. The fire was discovered about 11:30 p.m. Monday night. None of the company's 53 employees were at work when the raging blaze was discovered.

The fire apparently started in the icing and decorating room, as that room suffered the most visible damage and baking pans strewn where shelves once kept them, nearly stacked, were warped from the intense heat.

Owners Barbara Holley and Don Holley didn't skip a beat and immediately began plans to survey and repair the damage. Don Holley was in Birmingham on business and it took him several hours to get back to the plant site. Barbara Holley spent the hours between extinguishing the fire and the 8:00 a.m. opening of businesses on Tuesday organizing and preparing a list of exactly who she needed to call and what she needed to tell them.

There was of course the insurance company, the health department, the gas company, suppliers, repair contractor, etc. They all responded immediately and plans for reopening the business began to take place even as employees, suppliers and volunteers were digging out from the fire.

Tuesday afternoon storage trailers were scheduled to be on site as temporary warehousing, office and production facilities. Wednesday, refrigerator trailers were scheduled to be set up to



THE ICING ROOM of the Coffee Baking Company suffered the most extensive damage in the Monday night fire. Here surveying the damage with their contractor are from left Paul Roberson, Don Holley, contractor Don Lewis and Barbara Holley. The two year old building is located in the Ino Community.

store the finished products which would be produced in some of the trailers and in an adjoining building which had been the bakery prior to the construction of the new facility in 2001.

The contractor, Don Lewis and Associates, of Dothan, was on site by mid afternoon Tuesday and was calling in his crews and equipment to start the repairs. Lewis said they would actually start work before dark Tuesday, tearing out a back wall to allow engineers in early Wednesday morning to survey the integrity of the structural steel supports and determine which needed replacing and if any had survived the intense heat.

Lewis said all electrical fixtures and wiring in the building must be replaced, new air conditioner units installed and of course the icing and decorating room will have to be completely rebuilt because as Mr. Lewis described the room, "It is totally destroyed", as probably will be the cooking room. The entire facility, offices and warehouse included, suffered extensive smoke damage.

The Health Department had already made its visit and as expected had condemned any foods still in the building. They also said all ceiling tiles in the entire building must be removed and replaced due to smoke dam-

age in areas not actually damaged by flames.

Tuesday afternoon Lewis had already scheduled a delivery of new ceiling tiles for Wednesday morning and planned to start installation immediately. He declined to give a completion date for all the repairs until they know the full extent of the damage and delivery dates on materials and replacement equipment. However, he did say he and his employees would "work day and night to get the building repaired as soon as possible".

Coffee Baking Company was established in 1996 and opened in the new, modern facility on February 22, 2001.

County BOE approves FY2004 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Although tentatively, the Coffee County Board of Education voted last Thursday evening, Sept. 4, to adopt its Fiscal Year 2004 budget during the regular monthly meeting of the board.

The board had conducted two public budget hearings prior to the adoption of the budget, and Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said she recommended the adoption of the budget pending adoption of the state budget.

According to the adopted budget, school officials anticipate total annual revenues of \$13,197,662 and total expenditures of \$13,411,851.

The beginning balance on Oct. 1 will be \$3,225,367 with the end balance on Sept. 30 being \$3,096,268.

Of the total \$13,197,662 in revenues, \$8,827,356 is state

funds, \$1,740,716 is federal funds, \$2,610,590 is local funds and \$19,000 is from other sources.

The \$13,411,851 earmarked for expenditures is reached with \$7,521,608 going towards

Please See BOE, Page 14

NOTICE

The City of Elba has announced there will be a power outage Sunday, Sept. 14, from 5 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. Areas to be affected include Mulberry Heights, Housing Authority, Chasing Ave., from intersection of Whitman St. to Addison St.; and Troy Highway, from Texas Station to the levee.

Area Happenings

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL continues Friday, Sept. 12, as the Elba Tigers travel to Brewton to take on the W.S. Neal Eagles; the New Brockton Gamecocks travel to Samson; the Kinston Bulldogs will be at home against Arizon; the Zion Chapel Rebels will be at home against Houston County; and the Brantley Bulldogs will travel to Pannett House.

THE ENTERPRISE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY will meet Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7 p.m. in Room 100 of the science bld. of Enterprise Ozark Community College. Anyone wishing to take an exam for their license should call Tom WA4YQT at least 24 hrs in advance at 464-0532. Any questions call Jim KJ0LN at 694-6145.

THE NEW BROCKTON TOWN COUNCIL, meeting, due to unforeseen circumstances, has been postponed until Monday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. The working group will meet Monday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held Thursday, Sept. 22, at the Elba Recreation Center beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in advance for this event. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact the Elba Chamber of Commerce at 897-3125.

Commission approves FY2004 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission wasted no time taking care of county business Monday morning, Sept. 8, as the group of elected officials met for the regular bimonthly meeting.

Enterprise Mayor Tim Alford began the meeting offering praise to the commission and county employees for the help they provided with site preparation for the building to be constructed for HS Automotive of Alabama (HSA) in Enterprise.

"We have been able to save a tremendous amount of money on that project by virtue of the fact the county and city combined their forces for the site preparation," Alford said. "The project is moving forward in good fashion despite all of the rain we've had."

He said the progress was due in large part because of the efforts of Coffee County engineer Randy Tindell and his staff.

In conclusion, the Alford said the City of Enterprise was very, very appreciative.

The county's bank depository was next on the agenda as commissioners reviewed proposals from four different banks.

The banks were asked to provide a fixed rate in their proposal, and Colonial Bank did not meet that requirement.

CB&T Bank offered a fixed interest rate of 1.37 percent; The Peoples Bank of Coffee County offered a fixed interest rate of 1.27 percent; and SouthTrust Bank offered a fixed interest rate of 90 percent.

With the highest proposal coming from CB&T Bank at 1.37 percent, the commission voted unanimously to award the county's bank depository to CB&T.

Also during Monday's meeting, the commission voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2004 budget at \$11.7 million.

County administrator Wilson Mobley said the county has a balanced budget which includes a two-step cost of living increase for employees.

"I think we have a good budget," commission chairman Robert Stephens said. "Coffee County has worked hard through the years, and we're glad to have a balanced budget and the money to balance it."

Commissioner Linda Westbrook added that she appreciates everything the county's employees do day in and day out. She said it is good to know she can go to the employees for help and always get their support.

In other business, the commission:

* Voted to allow Tindell to

Please See CCC, Page 14

REMINDER

Coffee County citizens are reminded the billing for solid waste collection will increase beginning with the October billing cycle. This service will increase by \$1 per month, which means quarterly billing will go from \$31.50 to \$34.50 per quarter.

This increase was approved by the commission earlier this year when it accepted a new contract for Coffee County's Solid Waste collection. This contract went to Mark Dunning Industries (MDI) of Brundidge - the low bidder for the contract renewal.

ROADS CLOSED FOR LEVEE WORK...The road closed and

detour signs were put out again this week as continued work from the levee rehabilitation project in Elba forced the temporary closing of two popular roads. A section of the Troy Highway (Hwy. 87) and Martin Luther King Drive have both been closed for levee work. The section of the Troy Highway (shown above) was closed to traffic Saturday, Sept. 6, and will be closed for approximately three months as workers raise the height of the road where the levee crosses. The road is closed from the Elba Church of Christ to the 203 bypass. As for the section of road on Martin Luther King Drive, it was closed Tuesday, Sept. 9, and should only be closed for approximately three weeks. This also is at the point where the levee crosses.